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LATEST GUIDELINES ISSUED BY ICMR ON PLASMA, REMDESIVIR

1. Remdesivir can be used in patients with moderate to severe disease within **10 DAYS** of symptom onset
2. Plasma can be administered in early moderate disease within seven days of symptom onset; useless after **7 DAYS**
3. Remdesivir not recommended for those with severe renal impairment or hepatic dysfunction
4. Remdesivir must not to be used in patients who are not on oxygen support or in home settings
5. OFF-LABEL USE OF TOCILIZUMAB IN CASE OF SEVERE DISEASE RECOMMENDED, PREFERABLY **WITHIN 24 TO 48 HOURS** OF THE ONSET OF THE DISEASE OR ICU ADMISSION
6. Upper respiratory tract symptoms **or fever** without shortness of breath or **hypoxia defined** as mild disease, patients advised **home isolation**

Situation stays grim as states gasp

Need 1,471 tons of O_2, getting only 300: CM

State seeks 2L doses of Remdesivir; plans to add 2,000 modular makeshift ICU beds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNDER pressure due to the mammoth surge in Covid-19 numbers, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday demanded immediate additional supply of oxygen and Remdesivir from the Union Government.

Speaking at the meeting of Chief Ministers of high-case load states, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Yediyurappa said that 500 tons of oxygen were used in Karnataka on Thursday alone and pointed out that as per estimates, the state will need 1,142 tons of oxygen from April 25.

"Going by the number of cases, Karnataka will need 1,471 tons of oxygen each day after April 30. The Union Government has allocated only 300 tons for Karnataka. If this situation continues, many healthcare centres will have to be shut down," Yediyurappa warned, urging the Centre to increase oxygen supply to Karnataka immediately. The CM's firm demand came even as Prime Minister Modi asked state governments to carry out oxygen audits to check pilferage and wastage.

Perhaps for the first time since the pandemic broke out, Karnataka has strongly urged for immediate relief from the Centre, instead of submitting its request and appealing for help at the earliest. The Union Government increased oxygen quota for various states on Thursday, but Karnataka did not figure in the list. Yediyurappa also requested for an additional two lakh doses of Remdesivir from the PM.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that Karnataka was looking to import Remdesivir directly from the international market, but will need the Centre's approval for the same. "In the next 15 days we will set up 2,000 makeshift modular ICU beds and 800-1,000 of them will have ventilator facility," he added.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa interacts with PM Narendra Modi on Friday

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>
> B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

STATEWIDE

	APRIL 22	APRIL 23
Fresh cases	25,795	26,962
Active cases	1,96,236	2,14,311
Deaths	123	190
Recoveries	5,624	8,697
Fresh cases in B'luru Urban	15,244	16,662

Covid-19 patients, some of them on stretchers, waiting for beds outside the GTB Hospital in New Delhi on Friday | PARVEEN NEGI

CALL FOR AUDIT OF OXYGEN USE BY GUZZLER STATES

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

CAUGHT in the middle of an acute oxygen shortage caused by an unprecedented demand from hospitals, industry sources said the situation has become grim also because many states with oxygen plants are not allowing the gas to go out of their states. The Centre has mapped the requirement of all states which is being closely monitored at district level.

"All states should adhere to the Central guidelines. The Ministry of Home Affairs has instructed that there should be unhindered movement of oxygen tankers inter- and intra-state. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Some states, which have oxygen plants, are not allowing it to be supplied to other states. Strict action should be taken against such rogue states," said Saket Tiku, president of All India Industrial Gases Manufacturers' Association (AIIGM) and member of the central committee on oxygen supply.

Oxygen management is another big reason for the growing scarcity, he added. "There are states like Kerala and Maharashtra, which have very high active cases, but their oxygen management is best. Karnataka is also managing well, but there are guzzler states. The Centre should conduct a fair audit of oxygen use by all states," he added. P4

STATE COVID-19 SECOND WAVE

15.19% Positivity Rate

0.70% Case Death Rate

1,77,466 Samples tested on Friday

83,80,736 Total vaccinations achieved so far

Universities and colleges in Bengaluru resume helpline channels for students

25 DEATHS IN 24 HRS IN GANGA RAM HOSPITAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TWENTY-five critical patients at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, one of the biggest private hospitals in Delhi, died and the lives of another 60 were at risk on Friday, reportedly due to oxygen shortage.

While the hospital did not spell the reason for the deaths, sources said low oxygen concentration could be the reason. "Critical patients need high-pressure oxygen supply," said an official.

Early on Friday morning, the hospital had sent out an SOS saying the lives of many patients were hanging in the balance due to low stock of oxygen.

"25 sickest patients have died in last 24 hours at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. Oxygen will last another two hours. Ventilators and Bipap (ventilators for invasive treatment) not working effectively. Resorting to manual ventilation in Intensive Care Units and Emergency. Major crisis likely. Lives of another 60 sickest patients in peril," read the statement issued by the hospital.

Following this, an oxygen tanker arrived at the hospital a little after 9 am.

Dr S Rana, chairman of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said, "I would not ascribe the deaths due to shortage of oxygen... a large number of patients are in serious condition. However, we are facing severe oxygen shortage and are resorting to manual ventilation to ensure patients survive."

The chairman added the hospital needs timely supply of medical-grade oxygen to save patients' lives.

About 500 Covid-19 positive patients are currently admitted in the hospital and about 150 of them are on high flow oxygen support.

A grieving family member of a patient who died in Palghar hospital fire | PTI

13 COVID PATIENTS DIE IN MAHARASHTRA HOSPITAL BLAZE

Mumbai: At least 13 Covid-19 patients died after a fire broke out at the intensive care unit located on the second floor of the four-storeyed Vijay Vallabh Hospital at Virar, the extended suburb of Mumbai, on Friday. The fire started in the air-conditioning unit of the hospital's ICU due to a short circuit. There were 17 patients in the ICU at that time. The fire brigade rushed to the spot and doused the fire in five minutes. However, within that short period, 13 out of 17 patients died. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced ₹5 lakh as financial help to the families of the deceased and ₹1 lakh to the injured

SC puts off hearing, takes dim view of criticism by senior lawyers

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

A day after terming the current Covid situation as a national health emergency while taking suo motu cognisance of it and demanding an action plan from the Centre within 24 hours, the Supreme Court on Friday abruptly wrapped up its hearing and posted the case for Tuesday.

It took a dim view of the worry of senior advocates that the SC's intervention could hamper proceedings at six high courts that were already hearing the matter and passing speaking orders.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, who demitted office later in day, looked angry and told senior advocate Dushyant Dave, "You have imputed motives to us without reading our order. We never said a word and did not stop high courts. We had asked the Centre to go to HCs and report to them."

"We love my lords. But it was a genuine perception because my lords have done it in the past," Dave countered. Justice S Ravindra Bhat, who is part of the bench, said, "We never said a word and did not stop HCs. We asked the Centre to go to high court and report to them. What kind of perception you are talking about? Talk about these proceedings."

CONTINUED ON: P9

NATIONWIDE

	APRIL 22	APRIL 23
Fresh cases	3,14,835	3,32,730
Recoveries	1,78,841	1,93,279
Deaths	2,104	2,263

West Bengal infection count is climbing too

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WHEN horrified people looking at the humongous political rallies with mask-less supporters in West Bengal a couple of weeks ago wondered if such mobilisation was wise, the prompt reply of politicos was the state's Covid-positive count was far below that of high incidence states.

The numbers have since climbed with Bengal reporting a record daily spike of 12,876 positive cases on Friday, as compared to 4,511 on April 12. Within those 11 days, the toll went up four times from 14 on April 12 to 59 on Friday. And at least 80 large rallies were held in the state during that period.

On February 26, the day poll panel announced Bengal's election schedule, the daily positive cases in Birbhum, Nadia and West Burdwan districts were 2, 6 and 10, respectively. Almost a month later, on April 22, the three districts recorded 624, 455 and 596 fresh positive cases respectively, indicating its rapid unspooling in rural Bengal.

Two candidates have so far died of Covid-19 and others like state Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury have been hospitalised. The EC on Thursday, after a stinker from the Calcutta High Court, banned roadshows and public meetings with more than 500 people.

IAF airlifts O_2 tankers, docs

IAF deploys transport aircraft C-17, C-130J, IL-76, An-32 and Avro to airlift big, empty oxygen tankers and containers to various filling stations across the country; Chinook and Mi-17 helicopters on standby

Flies doctors and nursing staff from Kochi, Mumbai, Vizag and Bengaluru to various hospitals in Delhi

Cadila jab Virafin gets nod

Ahmedabad-based Zydus Cadila gets restricted emergency use approval from the drug regulator to use antiviral drug Virafin for the treatment of moderate Covid19 infection.

It is a single dose jab; drug will be available on the prescription of medical specialist for use in hospital/institutional setup, says company

PM: Crack down on O_2 hoarding, black marketing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged chief ministers of the worst Covid-hit states to crack down on black marketing and hoarding of medical oxygen and key medicines for SARS-COV-2. Chairing a meeting with chief ministers of 11 states and Union Territories from where most Covid cases are reported, he asked them to facilitate seamless movement of medical oxygen.

Calling for united response to the runaway pandemic, Modi told the CMs that Air Force and Railways are being pressed into service to transport oxygen.

Modi urged states to set up a coordination committee for timely supply of oxygen to different hospitals of the state. "This committee should ensure that as soon as there is allotment of oxygen from the Centre, it can deliver oxygen as per requirement in different hospitals of the state immediately," added the PM.

NITI Aayog Member V K Paul gave a presentation in the meeting on raising medical facilities and targeted treatment of Covid patients.

The CMs were urged to make the district administrations in their respective states accountable for making available key medicines for treating Covid patients.

"India's success during the first wave of the pandemic was our united efforts and strategy. We will have to address this challenge in the same way," said the PM, assuring Centre's full support to states.

The meeting was live-streamed by Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, which drew the PM's ire. Kejriwal's office expressed regret but claimed they were not officially informed that the meeting was confidential. P9

DESPERATE TIMES

There's no help coming from 108 helpline; top officials get the feel

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

Well, it looks like even the top official of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) cannot get any 'help' from the helpline dedicated for bed allocation for Covid-19 patients.

Senior BBMP and health officials on Friday got a first-hand experience of the mess in bed allocation among Covid patients. As it turns out, there was trouble at very first step of calling the '108' helpline. And this was experienced by none other than BBMP Chief Commissioner **Gaurav Gupta**. He found this to be the biggest challenge of all, which often leads to patients and their families, relatives and friends running helter-skelter in a desperate bid to look for a bed and save a dear one's life.

Gupta was in for a rude shock when he called the 108 helpline for The New Indian Express to check. Initially, there was no response at the other end. After several attempts, the tele-caller picked up the call, only to get an earful from Gupta. "Why do you people not pick up calls?" he raged. To this, the tele-caller nonchalantly replied, "I picked it up just now".

Obviously, the tele-caller hadn't recognised the man on the other side of the line. Gupta had to reveal his identity as BBMP Chief Commissioner to get the person fall in line. He then questioned why the needy were not being catered to, to which the tele-caller said there was no such case. But when this reporter, on a parallel call, quoted instances when there was no response from the helpline, the tele-caller said he could not hear anything and blamed 'technical issues' for it. P4

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WEATHER

MIN 22°C | MAX 31°C

FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise 6.02 am
Sunset 6.33 pm
Moonrise 3.59 pm
Moonset 3.47 am

KSRTC to ply on demand during weekend curfew

48 Vayu Vajras available for airport travellers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the weekend curfew imposed in the state to contain the spread of Covid, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has stated that their services will be available only depending on the demand.

"The Government of Karnataka has imposed curfew during the weekends, from Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am to curb the spread of the virus. During this period, KSRTC buses will be operated based on traffic density and need only. Passengers are requested to compulsorily follow Covid-19 guidelines while travelling," an official statement said.

Meanwhile, the BMTC has stated that they will operate 450-500 essential ordinary services during the weekend curfew for the benefit of employees working in permitted industries and government offices. Besides, it will operate Vayu Vajra services for the movement of the public to and from airports.

The number of people travelling in buses is restricted to 50% of the seating capacity while crew and passengers are advised to follow Covid-19 guidelines compulsorily.

As the state is to undergo a weekend lockdown, passengers can be seen crowding inside a BMTC bus on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Number of Vayu Vajras to be available:

- 3 HAL Main Gate
- 6 Banashankari TTMC
- 3 Kadugodi Bus Stand
- 12 Electronic City
- 2 Chandapura
- 15 Kempegowda Bus Station
- 7 Mysuru Road Bus Station

KSRTC buses will be operated based on traffic density and need only. Passengers are requested to compulsorily follow Covid-19 guidelines while travelling

Official press release

Metro services suspended for two weekends

Bengaluru: In light of the curfew announced by the state government, Bengaluru Metro has cancelled their services for the next two weekends. The last train of the regular daily service will be curtailed by 90 minutes from Monday to Friday up to May 4. An official release said, "On Saturdays and Sundays, Metro services shall be cancelled for the whole day in view of the weekend curfew." Beginning Monday (Apr 16), trains will commence as usual at 7 am (the norm since operations restarted since September 7, 2020 after closure due to the pandemic). However, the last service from the terminal stations of Baiyappanahalli, Mysuru Road, Nagasandra and Silk Institute would be 7.30 pm."

WILL ARRANGE 11K BEDS SOON: BBMP CHIEF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO ensure that every needy person gets proper medical attention, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Friday said that talks are being held with private hospitals to tie up with Covid Care Centres and hotels.

He said that under the central hospital bed management system, 11,000 beds should be arranged at the earliest. Gupta, who also attended Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's virtual meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said that importing oxygen, supplying the gas through tankers and cylinders and availability of beds in private hospitals were discussed.

He said to ensure compliance of private hospitals in reserving beds, talks are being held with the police to conduct drives.

Asked why parks were still not closed, he said it is reported that coronavirus is more active in closed spaces and restrictions have been placed on restaurants, bars and other such places. No curbs have been put on open spaces. Based on the suggestions of experts and advisory committee, the State Government will take further decisions, he added.

Six hospitals raided

Following the directions of the State Government and acting as per the National Disaster Management Act, the Mahadevapura division of BBMP raided six hospitals for not reserving 50 per cent of beds for government-referred patients. On April 22, BBMP officials raided Jeevika, Brookefield and Koshys hospitals. On Friday, the teams raided Manipal Hospital in Whitefield, North Side and Sri Sai Hospitals. The BBMP also shut down the OPD of Manipal Hospital for two hours. According to BBMP officials, the hospital has 106 beds, but reserved only 42, instead of 56. Only after the management agreed and reserved the beds was the OPD service opened again, officials said.

COVID ON THE PROWL

On the eve of the weekend lockdown, Church Street wears a deserted look | EXPRESS

BBMP to issue occupancy certificates online, verification to become stricter

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is increasingly improving access to services in a time-bound manner, one step at a time. After town planning approvals were made available online, it is now the turn of occupancy certificates.

The BBMP, which had started to issue building plan approvals after they were verified by registered and certified architects, is now closer to being technologically advanced.

The normal complaint of citizens was that BBMP would take very long to give approvals. But now, the delay has been greatly reduced.

"We have started to issue commencement certificates online. We are also working on issuing occupancy certificates. Once modules are getting prepared, the time taken to issue the certificates will come down from 45 days (the usual period) to five days. However, field staff will verify each project on the ground and the file will go through all the officials in charge," said a senior BBMP town planning department official.

According to the town planning sanction from July 1, 2020, to April 20, 2021, 617 applications for plan sanction were received. Of these, 4,645 have been approved. Also, since the process of issuing commencement certificate is new, only two applications were received and both were approved.

Before Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's announcement about taking technology to the door steps of people, the BBMP had started the exercise of digitising data and giving approvals online. Now, as a part of the Mission 2022 vision document, the BBMP is scaling up the number of services available online.

The official said that even as the work is going paperless, the verification exercise is being made even more vigilant.

BMRCL deploys 6th tunneling machine

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN the midst of the all-round slump in activity due to the second wave of Covid infections, a major infrastructure work was kick-started 60 feet below the ground on Friday evening.

The tunnelling operations of Bengaluru Metro's sixth Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) were launched for the 600-metre distance between Jayanagar Fire Station (South Ramp) to Diary Circle. Drilling is being done in connection with the underground corridor that figures in the Nagawara-Gottigere line.

For the 13.92-km underground stretch between Diary Circle and Nagawara, the work has been divided into four packages. "The TBM which has been commissioned today is the second one of Package One, the contract of which has been awarded to Afcons Infrastructure Limited. The second TBM has been set in motion following the completion of 70 metres by the first TBM from Vellara Junction to Langford station," said a senior official of the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

The TBM will take up to five months to reach Diary Circle, he said. "It will drill an average of 4 metres per day," he added.

Nine TBMs will be carrying out tunnelling along the underground stretch. Three of these would be Earth Pressure Balancing (EPB) machines while six would be slurry machines. "The TBM on Friday was a slurry machine which ensures that the sludge removed after drilling is sent directly to a treatment plant, he said.

In the case of Earth Balancing Machines, a shaft needs to be created and the excavated earth needs to be transported back to the top," he said.

EXPRESS READ

12 CCCs in city limits, but few takers

BBMP has opened 12 Covid Care Centres in the city to ensure that beds are available for symptomatic and asymptomatic patients and also to reduce the rush at hospitals. Of the total bed capacity of 10,601, 546 are occupied, and 1,055 are empty. Two more CCCs will be set up under the central hospital bed management system and will be operation in a couple of days. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th April: I'm a big fan of space travel and I was hoping that we could send people to Mars by now. We thought we had overcome all the problems, but now we have hit a new hitch. The solar radiation our astronauts will encounter is much more intense and dangerous than we thought, so now we are back at the drawing board, devising much better protection. Nobody said it would be easy!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20) There have been so many fussy planetary alignments over the past week that I know many of you probably don't know whether you're coming or going. Today's stars advise a little time spent in quiet, peaceful relaxation. Why don't you take a break and escape the fray?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) You should realise that certain personal difficulties are over, and can attempt to begin the process of coping with the past. After all, sometimes memories are more painful than the actual event. A sensitive Moon should bring solace and reassurance from friends.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You have done a great deal and achieved much, but sometimes you wonder whether it was all worth it. You may be asking the wrong question, and it could be best to check out what you can do for others. If at all possible, you may begin to tackle overdue practical matters.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You will do best today if you indulge your artistic, spiritual and adventurous instincts and minimize your commitments and ties. If you are trapped in practical chores, you will have your dreams to console you, but you may have to complete essential jobs before having your share of pleasure.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) During the next few weeks, there will be occasions when you begin to realise that you rely on certain family members far more than you imagined only a short while ago. Today's stars put the spotlight on romantic purchases - on what you want, rather than what you think is necessary!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) You now need to be a little more circumspect in very close personal partnerships. Two powerful romantic patterns are strengthened by another which encourages people at home to jump to hasty conclusions. You don't want to feed their suspicions, now, do you?

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Business associates will surely rue the day they ever decided to tangle with you. There is something to be said for letting others off the leash, releasing them from promises which they have outgrown. You might find that when they are no longer obliged to stick around, they do so voluntarily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Those in positions of authority have had their say, but you have tended to exaggerate every little statement, seeing hidden meanings where there are none. Relax today, and above everything, try to enjoy yourself. After all, what is life if full of care - and devoid of pleasure?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) More than anything else, you should finally silence those who have prevented you from living in the real world. Your inner fears and worries should now be replaced by an equally profound determination never to repeat the same mistakes again. Other people should understand just how strongly you feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) It is probably too much for you to forgive those who have behaved badly, but you should still try. You may be partially responsible for personal troubles by mixing in the wrong company in the first place. After all, it takes two to tango, as they say.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) What happens now will almost certainly strengthen your bargaining power but, in reality, the need to think in such terms is now passing. Even today, conditions are beginning to look more co-operative, especially where financial interests are concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) In many respects today's stars could hardly be more ideal, given the circumstances. You may take time out from long-term regrets and worries and have a little fun for a change. Indulge a fantasy for, if you don't, neither will anyone else. You may even encourage partners to loosen up a little!

THE PHANTOM

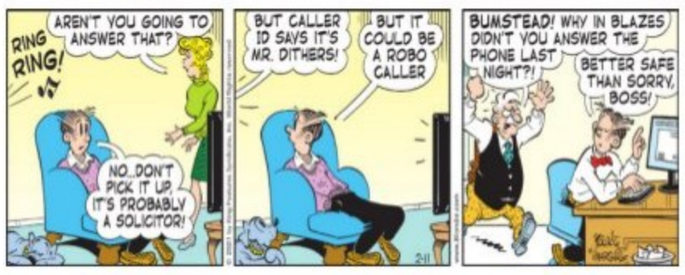
THAT'S THE WORST OF IT....
WE'LL BE ON A DECENT DIRT ROAD IN BANGALLA IN A FEW KLICKS....
HEH! A-ALREADY WE HAVE ESCAPED FROM RHODIA!? TOO BAD!
DE PAUL + MANGY
5-SUCH EXCITEMENT!

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

DID YOU FEEL THOSE RAINDROPS, SARGE?
WE'D BETTER FIND SHELTER
I SAW YOU PUT THAT WATER GUN IN YOUR POCKET, BEETLE
SARGE HOCUS WALKER

BLONDIE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AREN'T YOU GOING TO ANSWER THAT?
NO..DON'T PICK IT UP IT'S PROBABLY A SOLICITOR!
BUT CALLER ID SAYS IT'S MR. DITHERS!
BUT IT COULD BE A ROBO CALLER
BUMSTEAD! WHY IN BLAZES DIDN'T YOU ANSWER THE PHONE LAST NIGHT?!
BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY, BOSS!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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9	1					8	5	
			4		9			
	6	2					9	4
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5				6				2
					1	6	8	7

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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3	6	5	7	4	1	8	2	9
2	4	9	8	3	6	7	5	1
6	3	7	1	2	9	5	4	8
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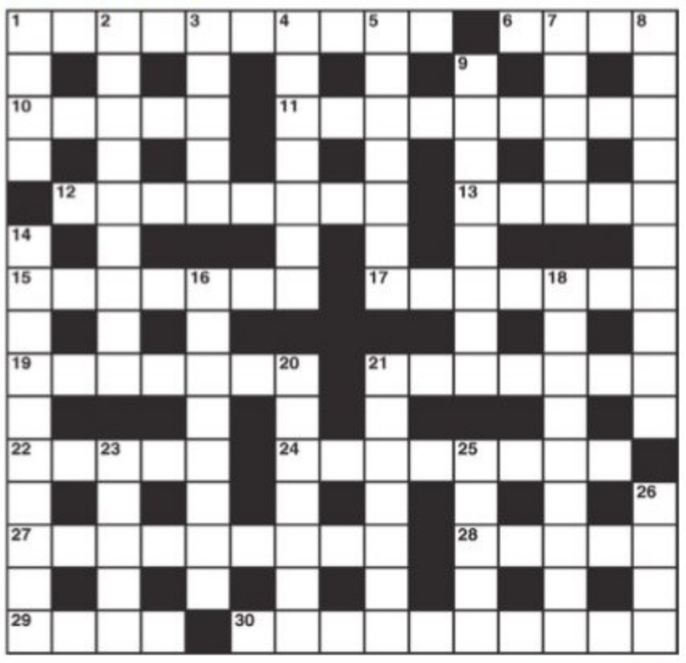
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Criterion for a jester (10)
6 A positive sign (4)
10 The ghost of Shakespeare some say (5)
11 Revolutionary development in naval fire power (3,6)
12 Eastern relation is eccentric (8)
13 Spirit used in petrol lighters (5)
15 As you say, it's precisely what's required (7)
17 Toboggan holding wood that's been cut (7)
19 Dad holding a high card can solve all problems (7)
21 Wolf backs out first in this issue (7)
22 This type of thing must fall (5)
24 The new director has yet to be paid (8)
27 Turns a blind eye to the French estimates (9)
28 Don't go on about me to improve matters (5)
29 For centuries they ignored America (4)
30 Happening now and then in so laconic a way (10)

DOWN

1 He goes to jug for drinking (4)
2 Still doubtful and not to be depended on (9)
3 So go away (5)
4 Closely resembling the way drunkards walk? (7)
5 Perplex with a minus sign? (7)
7 Many an old ship is slow in movement (5)
8 Decided to have property and stay in it (6,4)
9 Make a deduction (8)
14 Sly-looking chap (7,3)
16 Unders to od vessel could be reserved (8)
18 Nobody pays an egg-producer around the end of October (9)
20 It's no fun as a rule for him (7)
21 Prospect following land clearance (4,3)
23 A number love to be included in break dance (5)
25 Ancient British tribe or nice new one (5)
26 I have an old-fashioned image (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Halyards, 5 Soup, 9 Strap, 10 Voucher, 11 Here and there, 13 Ousted, 14 Snacks, 17 Guessing game, 20 Hold out, 21 Eliza, 22 Tend, 23 Chanters.

Down: 2 Host, 2 Largess, 3 Apprehension, 4 Divine, 6 Ochre, 7 Perverse, 8 Putting green, 12 Long shot, 15 Combine, 16 Snatch, 18 Ellen, 19 Pays.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PUDEN

GURHO

DHNIED

GDOAAP

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You need to change your center of gravity.
How does he keep winning?
He studied physiology
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SMALLER, THE WINNER OF THE ARM WRESTLING MATCH ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

_____ THE _____ _____

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** METAL LUNGE SITCOM BARREN
ANSWER: When the I, V, X and L went for a hike together, they were – "ROAMIN' " NUMERALS

Bangalore University officials have resolved to implement and hold online classes for even semesters from April 28. It was decided that examinations for students in first and third semester will be held in June or July, and preparatory time will be given to students prior to that

Parties mobilise cadre to reach aid to ailing patients

BJP sets up helpline for patients, while Cong helps the ill get beds and medicines

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

WITH the Karnataka government struggling to manage medical facilities for Covid patients, various political parties are pitching in to help patients get treatment and also the required materials for home isolation.

State BJP secretary N Ravikumar told TNIE that the party unit has already created helpline numbers for every Lok Sabha constituency, which connect to BJP workers who take care of oxygen for ICU beds and ambulances for crematoriums.

The BJP is also trying to include doctors in every mandal – with 300 mandals at the taluk level, they are planning to rope in 600 doctors. "In many cases, people are panicking and rushing to hospital when they can be treated in home isolation. We take help of doctors who will assist these people and help avoid pressure on hospitals," he said.

Meanwhile, the BJP and state government are also planning to convert schools, colleges and community halls into Covid Care Centres, where beds will be put up for Covid patients.

The Congress too is making an effort to reach out to patients and provide facilities. Karnataka Youth Congress President Rakesh Ramaiah said they are helping people right from getting plasma donors to ICU beds and medicines. Their team is working mainly in Bengaluru, which is battling a high number of cases, besides Ballari, Belagavi and Kalaburagi.

A health worker collects swab samples Bengaluru on Friday | ASHISH KRISHNA HP

"We have a team of 24 people, eight members working in a shift of eight hours, who are mainly helping on social media platforms and getting facilities for patients," he said. The team is also working in association with the KPCC doctors' cell.

A team from Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, headed by Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya and Indian Youth Congress National President BV Srinivas, is also using technology and social media to rush help to patients.

Interestingly, the JDS is nowhere to be seen, barring a couple of leaders hitting out at the State government through social media.

Farming can go on through curfew: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

As the state government clamped weekend curfew from Friday night, Karnataka Agriculture Minister BC Patil clarified that there are no restrictions on agricultural activities in the state during weekends. Farmers, however, are apprehensive about the impact of the Covid-19 curfew. They have urged the government to come to their rescue by fixing the minimum support price for fruits and vegetables, and procuring produce directly from farmers.

State officials should not stop any day-to-day agricultural activities or cause any inconvenience to farmers, Patil told reporters in Bengaluru.

He said that it has come to his notice that some officials have seized agricultural implements, and this should not happen. Farmers must be allowed to transport agricultural or horticultural produce to markets, travel to fertiliser shops or Raita Samparka Kendras and take up any agricultural activities without any hindrance, he said.

"Officials from all departments must allow agricultural activities and not impose any restrictions on them. Farmers must follow Covid guidelines while taking up activities," he added.

Meanwhile, in a letter to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, Karnataka Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kuruburu Shantakumar said the government must intervene to save farmers from the current crisis as there is a 60 per cent decline in the supply of fruit and vegetable supplies to other states.

EXPRESS READ

Those writing exams can remain in hostels

Bengaluru: The Commissioner for Social Welfare has written to subordinates to let students writing their annual examination remain in hostel, and provide them with food and other facilities. The department of minority welfare issued a similar circular to department officials, allowing students in hostels run by the department to stay back till they complete their examination. This follows a letter by Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar to Minister of Backward Class Welfare Kota Srinivas Poojary, and Social Welfare Minister B Sriramulu to allow students to remain in hostels. ENS

HOSPITAL BHUMI PUJA DONE, WITHOUT MASK OR DISTANCE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

EVEN though all social, political and other gatherings are prohibited as per the new guidelines to contain Covid-19 transmission in the state, a formal 'Bhoomi Pooja' programme was organised to launch the construction of a 100-bed Karnataka State ESIC Hospital at Ragigudda in the city on Friday.

RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa, MP B Y Raghavendra and some legislators took part in the programme. However, officials clarified that the people's representatives were invited to follow the protocol but a large gathering of people was avoided. However, an official invitation card had asked all people's representatives, corporators, leaders of trade unions and labourers to attend the event. However, only a few people took part but social distancing went for a toss. Official sources clarified that the programme was organised by avoiding a large gathering of people. Since it was the construction of a hospital, the programme was organised. However, the new guidelines to contain Covid-19 transmission in the State prohibits all social, political and other gatherings - except weddings.

RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa performs bhoomi Puja of ESIC Hospital works at Ragigudda in Shivamogga on Friday | SHIMOGA NANDAN

Hospital to benefit lakhs of people: MP

Speaking on the occasion, MP Raghavendra said that the hospital will benefit lakhs of labourers and other families from Shivamogga and neighbouring districts. "The project was pending due to Covid-19 situation. The building will be constructed in the next two years. As many as four to five big industries are expected to start in the district. Action has been taken to revive VISL and Mysore Paper Mills in Bhadravathi," he said.

FKCCI takes up lockdown issue, seeks relief measures

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FKCCI president Perikal Sundar on Friday took up the issue of closure of non-essential establishments with the State government, considering the lockdown is expected to remain in force for a long period.

He wrote to Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar and spoke to the Karnataka government to say that industries should not be inconvenienced in any way.

Former FKCCI president J Crasta said, "The two-day weekend closure will not really help. If they close down non-essentials, who will take care of workers from the non-essential sector? Let us learn lessons from nations like Taiwan, Japan, Israel and Korea which have been very sensible in containing the virus. We had election rallies going on till recently, and now suddenly they have decided to clamp down." He asked why it not planned a little more in advance.

FKCCI has held several rounds of meetings on the announcement of the sudden lockdown. Meanwhile, C Venkatesh, Secretary, Automobile Dealers' Association, said, "As business will be hit due to the lockdown, some relaxation for payment of taxes should be given to traders. They play an instrumental role in GST revenue collection, but no special consideration was shown to them even during the previous lockdown. Though income is nil due to lack of business, most of the expenses of the establishment remain the same."

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL WORKSHOPS, SOUTHERN RAILWAY, PONMALAI, TRICHY – 620 004

E – Tender Notice for the supply of Stores – No.GOC/Stores/E/16/202

The following e-tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to Login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in->login ->E.Tender->Goods & Services** (New) and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained. **Closing time : 14:30 hours**

Sl.No.1 Tender No.: 67215070 Description: CHANNEL ISMC 250 x 82 x 9 MM (34.2Kg/m) Due date: 12-MAY-2021

Attention : Micro Small Medium Enterprises [MSMEs]. The benefits provided to MSMEs under Public Procurement Policy for goods and services are as per details provided in the link **http://www.ireps.gov.in -> ireps public documents -> Southern Railway**

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Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.
General Manager : 26617980 : Tele Fax : (080) 26617980

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"**.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt	Date of Public Auction
1.	**Sri. Janardhan. M** No.3075,2nd Floor, 5th Main, 4th Cross, 1st Stage, Kumar Swamy layout, Bengaluru- 78 No.3075, 4th Main, 1st Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, BBMP Ward No.55 of Padmanabhanagar, PID No. 55-303-3075, Bengaluru.	**East to West : 9.14 Mtrs & North to South : 6.10 Mtrs East by : Road West by : Site No. 3055 North by : Site No. 3076 South by : Site No. 3074**	**Rs. 37,85,322/- (Interest from 20.04.2021) Notice Date : 21.04.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 54,28,000/-**	**27.05.2021 10 : 30 A.M**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Date : **23.04.2021**
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE BANGALORE CITY, Mayohall, CCH-20
P & S C No.25031 of 2021

MRS. NEERA SUD, aged about 58 years W/o Sri. Mukesh Sud, residing at No.F3, EPSILON VILLAS, Yemalur Main Road, Bellandur, Bangalore – 560037.
...PETITIONER
- VS- NIL ...RESPONDENT

The Petitioner has applied under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the estate of deceased, Mukul Sud, who died on 12.7.2018. Any person having objection OR interested in the above case may appear before the Court on 19th June, 2021 and file their objections if any.

SCHEDULE

PPF Account No.10867727424 with State Bank of India, SPB Branch, St. Makrs Road, Bangalore-560001.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court dated 20th day of April, 2021.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore.

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER :
JEROME D'SOUZA, ADVOCATE
No.5, 3rd Floor "A" Block,
St. Patrick's Complex, No.15K,
Brigade Road, Bangalore - 560 025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients intend to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder owned and possessed by **SRI NAVEEN KUMAR,** S/o Late H M Prakash and **SMT. PRIYA DASARATHAN,** W/o Sri Naveen Kumar, Both are R/at. No. F1, First Floor, Sai Rani Apartment, 801/A, 2nd Cross, 8th Main Road, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043.

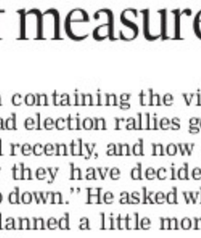
Notice is hereby given to all concerned calling for objections if any against such purchase of the schedule property, if anybody have any right, title, interest or claims whatsoever over the same or any part thereof, they are hereby requested to lodge their written objections/ claims together with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned within **10 days** of publication of this notice, failing which my clients shall complete sale transactions and no subsequent claims by anybody shall be entertained and all such objections and claims will be deemed to be void and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant corner site bearing No. 8CM-231, PID No. 88-250-8CM-231, carved out of Sy.No. 272, situated 1st Block, H.R.B.R Layout, Banaswadi, presently coming under the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 12.34 mtrs and North to South (5.79+3.58)/2 mtrs, in all measuring 57.81 sq mtrs with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the; **East by:** 8CM Road, **West by:** Site No.8BM 230, **North by:** 2DC Road, **South by:** Site No.8CM 229.

ADDRESS: **N.M. BHAT ASSOCIATES**
Advocates, No.64, 71st Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10.
Phone No. 9448129256
Date: 22.04.2021

OBITUARY



RMP DANIEL INBARAJ
27/3/1975 23/4/2021

Our beloved Danny was ushered into the arms of Jesus on the morning of 23rd April 2021.

His life was a gift to his family and friends. Ever ready to help anyone in distress, he was the go-to person for anyone in need!

We will miss him dearly, till we meet again in the gardens of Heaven!

He leaves behind his sorrowing wife Jessy Daniel, his two daughters Deborah and Esther, his parents Paul Pandian and Ruby Pandian; relatives and in-laws.

Inserted by **P. Moses, Sudha Moses, Ann Moses, Solomon Durairaj, Mrs and Mr T. Durai Raj Nadar and Edison Thomas**

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Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 30.06.2020 & MSGL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.09.2020 and MSGB, EMI & SME SUVARNA due up to 31.03.2021 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 03.05.2021 from 10 am onwards.

MALAVALLI: F28907, F28914, F28951, F28960, F28982, F28990, F28992, F29002, F29109, F29140, F29265, F29403, F29800, F29801, F29802, F29803, F29817, F29834, F29846, F29876, F29880, F29901, F29913, F29944, F29955, F29958, F29961, F29970, F29976, F29978, F29986, F29987, F29988, F29989, F29991, F30012, F30017, F30020, F30028, F30035, F30047, F30056, F30057, F30086, F30095, F30096, F30097, F30102, F30104, F30108, F30109, F30111, F30118, F30126, F30128, F30131, F30140, F30159, F30164, F30165, F30169, F30174, F30179, F30181, F30185, F30188, F30193, F30196, F30198, F30201, F30205, F30212, F30213, F30227, F30228, F30229, F30232, F30242, F30245, F30247, F30249, F30251, F30257, F30267, F30270, F30281, F30283, F30287, F30293, F30297, F30302, F30306, F30317, F30318, F30324, F30326, F30329, F30332, F30340, F30342, F30347, F30353, F30356, F30362, F30363, F30364, F30380, F30383, F30387, F30389, F30395, F30404, F30406, F30417, F30421, F30434, F30437, F30438, F30442, F30445, F30446, F30448, F30451, 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AND
M/s. Trinity Ecosand LLP & Others
..Defendants

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TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

26,962 CASES REPORTED TODAY

25,795 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	12,74,959
YESTERDAY	12,47,997

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
190	123

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
8,697	5,624

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
2,14,311	1,96,236

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	15.19
YESTERDAY	15.87

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.10
YESTERDAY	1.11

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	82.08
YESTERDAY	83.16

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until April 23, 2021, a total of 12,74,959 cases have been reported in 1 year and 46 days...

83,80,736 People have been vaccinated across the state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Health care workers 1st dose	6,64,766
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,10,413
Frontline warriors 1st dose	3,28,853
Frontline warriors 2nd dose	1,28,290
Aged 45-60 1st dose	30,36,525
Aged 45-60 2nd dose	1,37,263
Above 60 1st dose	32,57,225
Above 60 2nd dose	4,17,401

RISING TOLL

A patient who succumbed to Covid being brought to a cemetery for the last rites in Bengaluru on Friday | ASHISHKRISHNAP

Pharma firms ramp up Remdesivir output, Centre assures state of supply

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru:

AS the shortage of Remdesivir, one of the drugs used in treating Covid-19 patients, remains a major concern, especially in private hospitals, the Centre on Friday assured Karnataka of adequate supply of the drug. Pharmaceutical companies are significantly increasing their manufacturing capacity to meet the sudden surge in demand.

Although an additional allocation (quota) of 25,000 vials was made to Karnataka on Thursday, taking the total allocation to over 50,000 vials till this month-end the State government has asked the Centre to increase allocation further.

"There is no need for any apprehension over Remdesivir. Steps are being taken to increase manufacture of the drug and the State will get adequate supplies," Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers DV Sadananda Gowda told reporters after visiting Mylan Laboratories Limited facility in Bengaluru on Friday.

The company released 15,000 doses of the drug to the state on Friday. Seven big firms in the country, including Mylan, manufacture Ramdesivir. Seventy per cent of the drugs manufactured by them has to be supplied to state governments and hospitals, as directed by the Centre, and the remaining 30 per cent is to be used by the company to meet earlier commitments, he said.

"Karnataka was allocated 25,000 vials on Wednesday. The CM and Health Minister told me it is too less and the State requires close to 2 lakh vials by the end of this month. I immediately got an additional allocation of 25,000 vials to the state on Thursday. We need more and steps are being taken to provide adequate supply of drugs. Manufacturing units are increasing their production by two to three times," the minister said. "Karnataka will get additional supply in due course and within a week, everything will be resolved."

Gowda said he is also talking to all companies to ensure Karnataka gets adequate supplies. He also warned of stern action against those involved in black-marketing of drugs.

On Friday, during the Prime Minister's videoconference with chief ministers of states reporting a high number of Covid cases, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa requested for an increase in the state's quota of Remdesivir.

Sources in the Health department told TNIE that the state currently has stock of 30,000 doses and the government is procuring another 2 lakh doses. "We have sufficient doses in the state warehouse. In the private market, private suppliers are making it available. Since the quota allocated to Karnataka is less than actual demand, it is leading to some discrepancies, so we are asking for more," sources said. "Allocation of quota by the central government is an indication to companies to supply that quantity to states. We are also procuring 2 lakh doses."

While the drug will be made available to government hospitals from the government's stock, the private sector is managing the situation on a day-to-day basis, sources said.

UPPING STATE QUOTA

For **10-day** period up to April-end, Centre on Wednesday allocated **25,000** vials

After request from state, additional **25,000** was allocated on Thursday

Currently, state has stock of **30,000** vials, for government hospitals

State requesting Centre to increase quota

State also procuring **2 lakh** doses to tide over crisis

Shortage hits, patient on O_2 told to leave hospital

Small hospitals badly hit due to shortage of medical oxygen

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

A SERIOUS shortage of medical oxygen has hit the city and many private hospitals are sending their oxygen-dependent patients, mostly Covid-infected, back home since Friday morning. Health Department officials said that while big, private and government hospitals have managed the situation, smaller ones with a capacity of 50 beds or less are badly hit. These hospitals are sending patients home as they do not have any way of sourcing oxygen. The official said that it is only a logistic issue and would be resolved soon.

The owner of a popular hospital said that they too had run out of oxygen for about 12 hours and had to send patients home.

R Ravindra, president, Private Hospitals Association (PHANA), said, "What can we do? I have written to the chief minister, health minister and all others. We even held meetings and set up a war room to deal with this issue. Still, this is happening."

A single woman, Bhavika Mayuri (name changed), who works in Bengaluru and was put on oxygen after she complained of breathlessness and lung congestion, was asked by the hospital on Friday to get discharged immediately as they did not have enough oxygen.

Bhavika had been admitted to the hospital, a well-known

facility in East Bengaluru, by her friends a fortnight ago. She was on oxygen and at one point, her oxygen saturation level had dipped to 67. She managed to survive only after the hospital administered her high-pressure oxygen.

But on Friday morning, the hospital and nursing staff told Bhavika that she had to leave.

But soon, hospital authorities arrived and told her that she has to pack up and leave as they do not have enough oxygen stocks. Bhavika pleaded with them, saying she did not have anywhere to go and leaving the hospital would be like walking to her death.

Bhavikasaid that she has suffered a severe lung tissue damage because of Covid and she needs 8-9 litres of oxygen every day which is not possible in Bengaluru under the current situation. She said that she is taking an ICU ambulance to another state, as she fears that all hospitals in Karnataka would run out of oxygen very soon.

IAF to aid in transporting O_2 to states

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"THE flow rate of oxygen should be monitored to know where we are going wrong," Saket Tiku, president of AIIGM added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday chaired a meeting with chief ministers of various states and said that every state should ensure that no oxygen tanker, meant for any state, is stopped or gets stranded. He added that the Indian Railways and Indian

The IAF has been deployed to transport oxygen tankers so that states facing shortage of medical oxygen could get it in time.

"The Indian Air Force, on April 21, airlifted doctors and nurses from Bengaluru, Kochi, Mumbai and Visakhapatnam for setting up of DRDO Covid hospital at Delhi," said IAF spokesperson Wing Commander Ashish Moghe. "The IAF has also airlifted oxygen containers of DRDO for the Delhi centre," he added.

Karnataka breaks record again, reports 26,962 cases

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KARNATAKA on Thursday recorded its highest single day addition of 26,962 new cases, with the positivity rate shooting to 15.19 per cent. This is the third consecutive day that the state has been breaking the 'highest day's addition' record with 23,558 cases on April 21, 25,795 on April 22, and 26,962 on Friday.

Karnataka stands at the third position in the highest Covid tally with 12,74,959 cases, with Maharashtra (40,94,840 cases) and Kerala (13,50,502 cases) in the first two spots. The state also recorded its highest day's deaths at 190, taking the toll to 14,075.

Active cases breached the 2-lakh mark, recording the highest number of active cases throughout the pandemic in the state at 2,14,311.

In the number of active cases too, Karnataka stands in the third position after Maharashtra with 6,99,858 active cases and Uttar Pradesh with 2,73,653 cases.

A health worker collect swab samples at the Mysuru Road Satellite Bus Terminal in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Over 190 new Covid deaths were recorded, which has been the highest single day deaths in the state, while the case fatality rate stood at 0.70 per cent. The CFR of the State is 1.1 per cent. It also recorded 8,697 discharges, taking the total to 10,46,554. The state's recovery ratio is 82.1 per cent.

Bengaluru Urban now has the highest number of active cases in the country. On Thursday, the city recorded 16,662 new positive cases, bringing the total to 6,15,581.

The number of active cases in Bengaluru stood at 1,49,624, ahead of Pune at 1,17,337 and Mumbai at 82,616.

Bengaluru Urban reported 4,727 discharges. The city's recovery rate has been falling drastically from 89.53 per cent on April 10 to 74.78 per cent on Friday. Just 10 days ago, on April 13, the state's positivity rate was 4.72 per cent and it climbed to 5.23 per cent on Friday. The State has also reported 46 people being infected with the UK strain and six with the South African strain.

TAKE NOTE

People can call 1912 for help: BBMP

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THAT'S not all. In another instance which highlights the distressing ground situation, a senior BBMP health department official on Friday told a person looking for a bed for a colleague: "We are in the ICU at the moment.Please do not embarrass us by asking for help to book a bed."

Tushar Girinath, nodal officer in-charge of '108', admitted that there were issues with '108' and they were working on it. He said two master bed management facilities were set up at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases and KC General Hospital for ILI/ SARI patients from 108. Even if the SRFID number is generated but the patient code (BU-) is yet to come and the patient's health is deteriorating, 108 can use the provision to book a bed for the patient, he said.

BBMP chief Gupta said people can now reach out to '1912' for help, but only when they have a SRFID number or are ILI or SARI patients.

Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Thrilok Chandra spent half a day at the 108 call centre to resolve the issues, but that too of little use as many patients continued to face difficulties as the day progressed. The Health Department is now working on changing the personnel manning the 108 helpline, hoping that problems will be resolved.

"But in reality, unless the tele-callers are more proactive, sensitive, well connected with numbers and bed availability data, nothing will improve," the senior BBMP health official said.

Create addl beds in all categories: HC

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OBSERVING that the data on the availability of beds in Bengaluru paints a scary picture, the Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the State Government and BBMP to step in immediately to create additional beds at Covid Care Centres and to identity availability of all three category of beds in areas around Bengaluru Urban district, anticipating an increase in the number of Covid cases on Saturday and Sunday.

IN THE HC

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar passed the order after it was brought to the notice of the court that there were only 32 beds available in the HDU category, 11 in ICU with ventilator and no ICU beds in city when checked online on the BBMP website. The court was hearing PILs related to issues surrounding Covid.

On Wednesday, 15,244 Covid-positive cases were reported in the State. There are hardly any beds available in all the three categories, but a high number of positive cases are being added every day.

"We direct the State Government to take immediate action, considering the rise in positive cases on Saturday and Sunday. Otherwise, no beds will be available in any category. During next hearing, the State Government should submit data on additional beds created," the court said, adjourning the hearing to Tuesday during a special sitting.

EXPRESS READ

Non-Covid patients need not give -ve report

Bengaluru: Following reports that some hospitals are demanding Covid negative certificates for admission of patients, which is causing delay in the treatment of non-Covid-related ailments, the state government has stated that there is no need to provide negative RT-PCR report. The government said that in cases where there are no symptoms of Covid in patients, there should be no need for negative RT-PCR report to get admitted to hospitals for non-Covid reasons.

Vaccine stock runs dry due to huge demand in Davangere

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@ Davangere

WITH the number of Covid-19 positive cases increasing in the district, people have also started to get themselves inoculated in big numbers and on Friday it led to vaccine stocks drying up.

On Friday, the sudden rise in demand for vaccines led to the stock running out and many returned without getting vaccinated. However, the district health administration has made arrangements for getting additional vaccines directly from the Bengaluru International Airport as and when the stock arrives on Friday night. The vaccine carriers from the district have already landed in the state capital.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, district health officer Dr Nagaraj said: "All the stock of Covishield and Covaxin dried up. We have reserved some stock for the people who are scheduled to receive their second jab. Hence, those who came for the first dose were sent back."

Two labourers walk 600 km on their way to MP

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TWO migrant workers, employed by a private civil contractor at a construction site in Bengaluru, had walked over 600 km on railway tracks from Bengaluru to Belagavi on way to their hometown in Madhya Pradesh, fearing another Covid-triggered lockdown like last year.

A gateman at a railway crossing near Gandhi Nagar in Belagavi stopped them when he found them walking on the tracks on Thursday. The two -- Pawan Dhurve, a resident of Azwar Rayat, Dindori district, MP and Funde Mithusingh Lal, a resident of Kundwari, Dindori district, MP -- were exhausted and told the gateman that they had decided to walk on the railway tracks to their hometowns via Maharashtra as they did not have any money to pay for train or bus tickets. The two lost their jobs after their employer died and also, they were not paid wages for some weeks. .

The railway gateman, Umesh Aptekar, told The New Indian Express he saw them walking on the tracks and they asked him whether the railway tracks led to Pune. Realising that they were travelling on foot, Aptekar offered them food and water, and immediately contacted activists Ravi Nirmalkar, Sachin Kelvekar Raju Mutkekar and Shubhak Shelke, all from Belagavi. They not only arranged for food and a room for the two labourers, but also bought train tickets for them.

The daily-wagers left for MP by Goa Express on Friday, profusely thanking all the activists from Belagavi who came to their rescue.

70% patients under home isolation in Dharwad

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NEARLY 70 per cent of Covid patients in Dharwad district, especially those from Hubballi-Dharwad twin cities, have opted to isolate themselves at home. The district has been reporting over 300 fresh Covid cases every day for the last few days, taking the number of active cases to over 2,100. Of them, over 100 are in ICU and oxygenated beds at KIMS and other government and private hospitals. Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil said the administration has made arrangements to treat the increasing number of patients.

Private hospitals have been asked to reserve beds for Covid patients and also the number of beds with oxygen facilities is being increased in government hospitals, he added.

"To treat asymptomatic patients, two Covid Care Centres with a bed capacity of 200 each have been set up in Hubballi and Dharwad cities. Over 50 patients have been admitted. At hospitals, one-third of beds have been occupied, while two-thirds are available as many have opted for home isolation," he said.

'Release funds for kids with rare disease'

HC tells Central and State Governments that failure to do so is a violation of the Right to Life

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the Central and State Governments to release Rs 3 crore and Rs 2 crore, respectively, to treat children suffering from rare Lysosoma Storage Disorder (LSD) at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health in the city.

Passing the order after hearing a PIL filed by Lysosomal Storage Disorders Society of India in 2015, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj directed them to release 50 per cent of the said amount by May 10, 2021.

The court said that for the time being, the Centre must contribute Rs 3 crore and the state must contribute Rs 2 crore. The amount of Rs 2.50 crore available with the institute will take care of medicines till May 2021, but Rs 3.80 crore will be required to treat children till the end of July 2021, it added.

Referring to the categorical statement made by the Centre that health is a state subject, and hence, the state has to bear the cost, the court said that the former cannot shift the entire burden on the latter, as it involves fundamental rights of children.

"We have already noted that the minimum cost of treatment per child is Rs 40 lakh per year, which cannot be afforded by the parents. If want of funds cannot be extended to children, what will happen to them? Suffice to say that family of the children are not in a position to bear the cost. Therefore, failure to release of amount by the Centre and state amount to violation of the fundamental rights guaranteed for Right to Life," the court observed.

The court clarified that the Centre is entitled to adjust the payable under this order, if any funds are released at its instance out of CSR funds by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Earlier, the Centre did not consider the representation of the State Government to release funds to treat children, despite orders passed by the court. Later, the court was informed that the Ministry of Corporate Affairs would transfer funds to the institute.

STOCKING UP

Shoppers jostle for space at the busy KR Market, as they look to purchase vegetables, grain, fruits and other essential food items in light of the government's new Covid curbs, including night and weekend curfews, in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMART

SIT halts CD-gate probe

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THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the CD-gate case has stopped its work temporarily, amidst the spurt in Covid cases in the city. Meanwhile, former minister **Ramesh Jarkiholi** also did not turn up for questioning, after he had tested positive, and discharged from the hospital two weeks ago.

A senior SIT officer said that Jarkiholi was supposed to appear before the team a week ago. But he did not turn up due to health issues and all officers are busy with Covid duties. "So we need more time to investigate the case, and we still have to gather more evidence related to the case. Many officials are not interested in the case, which is very complicated, while there is a lot of pressure from the government too," he said.

Another officer said two teams were formed to track down two of the suspects, Naresh Gowda and Shravan, who are still at large. Once they will be taken into custody, further investigation will be done, and the woman purportedly seen in the video has also made several allegations against the SIT before the High Court, and "we do not want to reveal anymore details over the investigation", he added.

HC notice to govt on vax for disabled

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday issued notice to the both the State and Central Governments on a PIL filed by Karnataka Rajya Vikalachetanara Rakshana Samithi, seeking directions for giving priority to persons with disabilities above the age of 18, irrespective of the nature of their disability, and their caregivers on a priority basis in the vaccination drive commencing from May 1.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj sought response from both governments, while posting the matter to April 26 to hear it at the special sitting.

The petitioner stated that the Centre will launch the Liberalised and Accelerated Phase 3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination from May 1. However, no specific mention is made of special preference to persons with disabilities, though laws relating to them empower the government to protect their rights, it pleaded.

The petitioner further stated that persons with disabilities and their caregivers require vaccination at a priority level, as they may be unable to follow social distancing, wear masks or avoid contact due to their condition, and hence, they are at high risk. The only way to ensure that these persons are saved from the pandemic is to ensure that all of them are vaccinated, along with their caregivers, based on their UDID cards or certificates of disability. But excluding this category from the vaccination regime is arbitrary, the petitioner alleged, while praying the court to issues directions to the government to organise special camps at the district level under the supervision of the jurisdictional District Disability Welfare Officer to ensure vaccination on priority basis for the diabled and their caregivers from May 1.

GHASTLY ACT

Actor held for brother's murder

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HUBBALLI Rural police have arrested actor **Shanaya Katwe** in connection with the murder of a 32-year-old man here.

Rakesh Katwe was murdered, and his decapitated head was found in the Devaragudihal forest area, while his remaining body parts were disposed of across Gadag Road and other areas in Hubballi recently. Acting on the case, Dharwad district police formed some teams, which arrested four suspects - Niyazahemed Katigar (21), Tousif Channapur (21), Altaf Mulla (24), and Aman Giraniwale (19) - from the city. Later, the police nabbed three other suspects.

Through the course of the investigation, police learnt that the murder was linked to the victim's own sister, Shanaya's love affair. Shanaya, who is a model and film actor, was in love with accused Katigar, which was opposed by Rakesh. Therefore, Katigar allegedly plotted to kill him.

On April 9, Shanaya visited Hubballi to promote an upcoming movie. On the same day, the murder took place in their house. Rakesh was strangled to death. A day later, Katigar and his friends chopped the body, and dumped the pieces across various places in and around the city. Accordingly, Shanaya was arrested on Thursday, and sent to judicial custody.

EXPRESS READ

HC junks AAP plea on urban body elections

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC on Friday declined to entertain the impleading application filed by Aam Aadmi Party seeking directions to stay the elections proposed to be held on April 24, 2021, to 10 urban local bodies (ULB) by the State Election Commission. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj said that it is for the SEC to take a call on holding elections, considering the situation and the Covid norms in place. The SEC has decided to hold elections to ULBs of Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Chikkaballapur, Shivamogga, Hassan, Kodagu and Bidar districts on April 24. "We must note here that the applicant wants drastic relief. We fail to understand that under what provision of law such relief can be claimed," the court noted. **ENS**

Former minister gets relief in cheque bounce case

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A city court has acquitted former minister **Babu Rao Chinchansur** in a cheque bounce case, in which a woman had accused him of not returning Rs 11.88 crore that he had borrowed from her.

In July 2015, Anjana A Shanthaveer had filed the case against Chinchansur, who was the then Minister for Textiles and Ports. She had accused him of borrowing Rs 11.88 crore from her for an annual interest rate of 12 per cent in 12 installments, citing that he had huge losses in his business, industrial and agricultural establishments. However, he had allegedly failed to repay the money, and when she forced him to return it, he had issued a cheque for an amount of Rs 11.88 crore dated April 30, 2015, but it allegedly bounced due to insufficient funds. Following this, she had filed a legal suit against him.

Late Chinchansur had also filed a complaint against her, accusing her of stealing his cheque book, forging his signature, and producing it to the bank.

The Special Court to deal with criminal cases related to elected MPs/MLAs acquitted the accused on Thursday. "If the totality of the evidence on record is considered, doubt arises regarding the case of the complainant. Hence, the complainant has failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the accused has committed any offence," Judge TB Invally said in the judgement.

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Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 13.05.2021 at 10.00 am at Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., First Floor, Door No. 1358, B. M. Road, Near Corporation Bank, Ramanagara - 562159. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.
Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.

IN THE COURT OF THE XII ACMM JUDGE AT BANGALORE

C.MIS. No. 5500 of 2020

BETWEEN : 1. Mr. M.V. Balakrisha, S/o. Late G. Venkataramanappa, aged about 57 years, R/at. No.420/4, 3rd Main, 1st A Cross, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054. **2. Mrs. M.V. Varalakshmi**, D/o. Late. G Venkataramanappa, aged about 55 years, R/at. No.12, Subbaiah Lane, Murugeshpalya, Bangalore-560017, **3. Mrs. Jayanthi V,** D/o. Late. G Venkataramanappa, aged about 48 years, R/at. No.457/3, Kumbarabedi, Gangamma Temple, Hesaragatta, Bangalore-560088. **...Petitioner**

AND: The Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. **...Respondent**

Whereas, the Petitioners above named has filed an petition under section 13(3) of the Karnataka Registration of Births & deaths Act for issue of death certificate of Mrs. Ashwathamma, wife of Late G. Venkataramanappa, who expired on 22.09.2009.

The court has fixed **15th day of May 2021 at 11.00 A.M** for the hearing of said petition, interested persons may enter appearance on that day and file their objections if any, failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 9.4.2021.

By Order of the Court, Shirastedar,
XII ACMM Court, Bangalore.

Advocates for Petitioners : **SUBRAMANYA M**, Advocate No.4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C. MISC. No. 212/2021

BETWEEN: 1) Smt. RATHNAMMA, W/o. Late Ramakrishnappa, aged about 52 years. **2) MANJUNATH T.R.** S/o. Late Ramakrishnappa, aged about 35 years. **3) KRISHNAMURTHY** S/o. Late Ramakrishnappa, aged about 32 years. All R/at No. 358, Doddathathaguni Thathaguni Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru-560082 **...PETITIONERS**

AND : THE TAHSILDHAR, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK **...RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to THE TAHSILDHAR, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK to register the date of death of the deceased who is the son of 1st petitioner and brother of petitioner No. 2 and 3 by name **Late Nagesh, S/o. Late Ramakrishnappa, who was died 20-04-2019** at Doddathathaguni Village, Thathaguni Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560 082 and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits. Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court **at 11.00 a.m. on 06-05-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 23.04.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner : **PADMANABHA**
PADMANABHA LAW CHAMBERS, Advocates, No. 8, Ground Floor, Thathaguni Village & Post, Agara Main Road, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560082.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. Wazeer, S/o. Sanualla,** intends to purchase the below property from its present owner **Mr. Amarendera G S, S/o. Late. G. S. Rajasekharan,** anyone having any sort of claims or objections relating to the property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned within 14 days from this Publication. With supporting title documents, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest and claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the residential house bearing Site No. 443, PID No. 99-10-9/2, situated at 11th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru– 560080 measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 46 feet in all 2760 Sq ft consisting of ground and first floor RCC roofed building **of 1353 Sqft built-up area along with undivided land share in the total extent belongs to Mr. Amarendera G S** bounded on:

East by : Site No. 439
West by : Road
North by : Site No.442 and
South by : Site No.444

NAGA MANJU
Advocate and Legal Consultant
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IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BENGALURU
O.S. NO. 25241 / 2021 (CCH No. 58)

BETWEEN: SRI. R. BALACHANDER, S/o late C.V. Ranganna, aged about 68 years, R/at No. 18, Gangadhara Chetty Road, Bengaluru-560 042. ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: SMT. SHEETAL NENAVAT ... DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

SMT. SHEETAL NENAVAT, W/o. Sri. Manohar Nenavat, aged about 50 years, No. 232, 7th 'B' Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalayan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 043.

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit for ejectment, arrears of rent and damages against the Defendant, hence you are hereby summoned to appear before the 57th Addl. CCJ & Sessions Judge Court (CCH No. 58) Mayo Hall, Bengaluru in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or be accompanying by some person who shall be able to answer all such questions on the **28th June 2021** at 11 'O' clock in the forenoon. Take Notice that in default of your appearance on that day above mentioned, the suit shall be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential property (duplex house) bearing No. 7 BM-232 situate at 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalayan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 043, Comprising of Kitchen cum Dining, a small Hall and a toilet in ground floor, two bed rooms with attached bath rooms in the 1st floor, PID No. 88-250-7BM-232, Ward No. 88 measuring East to West: 9.15 Mtrs. and North to South: 6.10 Mtrs. in all measuring 55.81 Sq. Mtrs. and bounded on the East by: Site No. 7 CM-231, West by: 7th 'B' Main Road, North by: Site No. 7 BM-234 and South by: Site No. 7 BM-230.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 21-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
P. VENKATARAMANA
No. 44/13, 1st Floor, (Above Delhi Bhavan Sweets & Chats), K. Kamaraja Road, Bengaluru-560042.
M: 9880590601/9449203840

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C.MISC. No. 139/2020

BETWEEN: 1) Smt. KAMALAKSHI, W/o. Late G.R. Shekar, aged about 40 years. **2) ABHISHEK,** S/o. Late G.R. Shekar, aged about 22 years. **3) HARSHITA,** D/o. Late G.R. Shekar, aged about 20 years. All are R/at No. 40/2, Chowdeshwarinagar, Thathaguni Post, Agara Main Road, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560008. ... **Petitioners**

AND : THE TAHSILDHAR, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to THE TAHSILDHAR, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK to register the date of death of the deceased who is the husband of 1st petitioner and father of petitioner No. 2 and 3 by **name Late G.R. Shekar, S/o. Late Ramashetty, who was died on 04-05-2018** at No. 40/2, Chowdeshwarinagar, Thathaguni Post, Agara Main Road, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits. Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court **at 11.00 a.m. on 30.04.2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 23.04.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner : **PADMANABHA**
PADMANABHA LAW CHAMBERS, Advocates
No. 8, Ground Floor, Thathaguni Village & Post, Agara Main Road, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560082.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client **Mithun Shivapuram Lakshmanaswamy,** son of G.V Lakshmanaswamy. (Mobile : 9448325562), intend to purchase the schedule property from its owners **E. VASANTHA KUMARI** wife of H.G. Shivaramaiah. The above mentioned owner represent that they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and that they are having clear and marketable title.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim/s over the schedule property or anyone having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing **No. 190/1-5,** (Formerly being the North Eastern Portion of Municipal No. 190), **Gavipura Village,** Bangalore, presently coming within the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike measuring **East to West: 35 feet, North to South: 16 feet on the Eastern side and 14 feet on the Western side, totally measuring about 525 square feet, i.e., 35 x 16 + 14 / 2 feet,** together with an old house constructed thereon comprising of ground floor and first floor, totally measuring about 10 squares, together with electricity, water and sanitary connection, together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface, and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Remaining portion of old No. 190,
North by : Property of Siddoji Rao
South by : Remaining portion of old No. 190

K.P. RAMDAS, Advocate
No. 418/31-2, 18th Main,
4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar
Bangalore-41. M: 9341218392
Bangalore Date : 23-04-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client **Mithun Shivapuram Lakshmanaswamy,** son of G.V. Lakshmanaswamy (Mobile : 9448325562), intend to purchase the schedule property from its owners **AKHILA. K. PRASAD** and **AMRUTHA. K. PRASAD** daughter's of B. Krishna Prasad. The above mentioned owners represent that they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and that they are having clear and marketable title.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim/s over the schedule property or anyone having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing **Site No.190, Katha No.1/3,** Situated at **Gavipura Village,** Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bearing **New BBMP Municipal Katha No.173 (Old No.190), PID No.52-15-173,** Ward No. 52-Hanumanthanagar, Situated at **Dr.Chi.Na.Mangala Road,** Bangalore, Measuring **East to West: 45.0 Feet, North to South: 35.0 Feet, and East to West: 35-0 Feet, North to South: 19-0 Feet,** along with **6 Square of ACC Roofed,** Red Oxide Flooring, Honne Wood Doors and Windows thereon and bounded on the:-

East by : Road and same number portion of sold property,
West by : Others Property then Road,
North by : Others Property and same number portion of 16 X 35 feet sold property belongs to Smt.Vasanthakumari,
South by : Others Property.

K.P. RAMDAS, Advocate
No. 418/31-2, 18th Main,
4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar
Bangalore-41. M: 9341218392
Bangalore Date : 23-04-2021

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC. No. 180/2021

BETWEEN: Ms. Sukanya .Y, D/o Yallappa, aged about 25 years, R/at No. 1151, Edgha Road, Thigalara Street, Varthur, Bengaluru-560 087. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: The Commissioner, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, BBMP, Hudson Circle, Bengaluru. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, BBMP, Hudson Circle, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the mother of petitioner by name **Late Smt. RENUKA W/o. Late Yallappa** who died on **19-09-2017 at No. 1151, Edgha Road, Thigalara Street, Varthur, Bengaluru-560 087** and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at 11.00 a.m. on **18-05-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 23-04-2021.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **L. RAJESH**
No. 101, Darga Street, Varthur, Bengaluru-560 087.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **M/S. SHREE VIGNESH ENTERPRISES,** a duly constituted Partnership Firm having its office at BDA No.23, 2nd Cross, New BEL Road, near Varsha Residency, Jaladarshani Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560094 is the owner of immovable property being the industrial Shed bearing No. B-52, situated at Kumbalagod Industrial Estate, formed by the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd., Kumbalagod, Bengaluru standing on a Plot of land measuring 25.05 Meters North to South and 22.00 Meters East to West, Totally measuring 551.10 Square Meters together with building thereon and the Original Sale Deed dated: 13.03.2009 executed by KSSIDC in favour of my client registered as Document No. 3451/2008-2009 of Book I and stored in CD No. KEND 404 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru, pertaining to the aforementioned property has been lost in transit and in that regard E-Lost Report dated: 19-04-2021 has been lodged online and invite of that, the said original document has not been traced till date.

The founder of the said original document may handover the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

Sd/- **Sri S.K. NAGARAJ,** Advocate
No.22, I Floor, Yamuna Bai Road,
Madhavanagar, Bengaluru-560001.
Mob: 9845012528
Date : 23.04.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my clients 1) **MR. B. MOHAMMED NASIR PASHA,** S/o. Late. Abdul Basheer, aged about 48 years, 2) **MR. MOHAMMED SADIQ PASHA. B,** S/o. S/o. Late. Abdul Basheer, aged about 42 years, both are residing at No. 231, 8th Main road, 1st 'B' Block, Jayanagar, Byrasandra, Bengaluru-560 011 have intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from 1) **SMT. HANUMAMMA,** W/o. Late. D. Rudrappa, aged about 73 years, residing at No. 5076/1, 13th Main Road, 5th Cross, M.C.C 'B' Block, Davangere-577 004. 2) **SMT. GAYATHRI KAILASH,** D/o. Late. D. Rudrappa, aged about 56 years, residing at No. 26/1, 1st B Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore. 3) **SRI. VIJAYAKUMAR RUDRAPPA DHULER,** S/o. Rudrappa Dhuler, aged about 55 years, 4) **SRI. ADYA DHULER,** S/o. Vijaykumar Rudrappa Dhuler, aged about 20 years, 5) **KUM. ANIKA DHULER,** D/o. Vijaykumar Rudrappa Dhuler, aged about 15 years, serial No. 3 to 5 are residing at No. 249/5A, Laughing Waters, Varthur Road, Ramagondanahalli, Bangalore, 6) **SRI. RAMESH RUDRAPPA DHULER,** S/o. Late. Rudrappa, aged about 53 years, 7) **KUM. MAYA DHULER,** D/o. Ramesh Rudrappa Dhuler, aged about 15 years, Serial No. 6 and 7 are residing at 1185, Anderson Ave, Apt 6c Bronx, Newyark-10452. 8) **SMT. BABITHA R DHULER,** D/o. Late. Rudrappa, aged about 50 years, Residing at USA, serial No. 6 to 8 duly represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder Sri. Vijaykumar Rudrappa Dhuler.

Any person/s having any objection/s regarding the said sale transaction may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within ten (10) days from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural Dry land bearing Sy. No. 293, Situated at Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, earlier Bangalore North additional Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 00-13.08 Guntas (Twelve Guntas), out of 2-00 Acres, and bounded on the:

East by : Land of Hanumamma in Sy. No. 200-P5 and Road.
West by : Road and remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 293,
North by : Land belonging to Nazeer Ali Khan in Sy. No. 200-P8,
South by : Road and remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 293.

Sd/- **B.V. MANJUNATHA,** Advocate,
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NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

To: 1) Mrs N H Shailaja Reddy w/o N H Bhaskar Reddy (Borrower) Villa No.12, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103 **2) Mrs N H Shailaja Reddy** w/o Mr.N H Bhaskar Reddy **(Borrower)** No.70, 3rd Stage HAL 2nd Main 1st cross New Thippasandara Bangalore **3) Mr.N H Bhaskar Reddy** s/o Mr N H P Shiva Reddy **(Co Borrower)** Villa No.12, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103 **4) Mr.N H Bhaskar Reddy** s/o Mr N H P Shiva Reddy **(Co Borrower)** No.70, 3rd Stage HAL 2nd Main 1st cross New Thippasandara Bangalore **5) Mr.N H Bhaskar Reddy** s/o Mr N H P Shiva Reddy **(Co Borrower)** Plot No 5, No 43/5, Sector VI, 9th Main, 13th cross, HSR Layout, Anish Projects Bangalore 560102 **6) Mrs N H Shailaja Reddy** w/o N H Bhaskar Reddy **(Borrower)** Villa No 388, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisanahalli,Varthur Post, Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Banaglore-560103 **7) Mr.N H Bhaskar Reddy** s/o Mr N H P Shiva Reddy **(Co Borrower)** Villa No 388, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisanahalli,Varthur Post, Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Banaglore-560103 **8) Mr.Prasada Reddy** S/o Hanumantha Prasada Reddy **(Guarantor)** B 702 Esperanza By UKN Ramagondana Halli Post 1st Phase Thubarahalli village Bengaluru 560066 **9) Mr.Prasada Reddy** S/o Hanumantha Prasada Reddy **(Guarantor)** No 45 77 East Divyasree Project Yemaluru Old Airport Next to HAL Compound Bangalore 5600037.

1) We have, at your request, granted to you various credit limits for an aggregate amount of **Rs.3,75,00,000/-**(Three Crores Seventy five lakhs Only) at our **HSR Layout Branch** and we give below full details of various credit facilities granted by us :

a. TERM LOAN under Mortgage Loan scheme with limit of Rs 3, 75, 00,000/-(Three Crores Seventy five lakhs only) sanctioned on 08/03/2013 favoring Mrs.N H Shailaja Reddy w/o Sri N H Bhaskar Reddy and Sri N H Bhaskar Reddy s/o Mr N H P shiva Reddy - A/C No 3241950581.

2) We inform you that out of total amount of **Rs.88,03,560.13/-** (Rs.Eighty Eight Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Rupees Thirteen Paise only) due to us as on **25/03/2021.** You have defaulted in repayment of entire amount **Rs.88,03,560.13/-** (Rs Eighty Eight Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Rupees Thirteen Paise only) due to us as on **05/04/2021** plus further interest/Charges there on.

3) As you have defaulted in repayment of your full liabilities, we have classified your dues as **Non-Performing Asset on 31/03/2021** in accordance with the directions or guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

4) We also inform you that in spite of our repeated demand notices & oral requests for repayment of the entire amount due to us, you have not so far paid the same.

5) You are aware that the various limits granted by us are secured by the following assets/security agreements (secured assets) :

Primary Security:

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site no.5(of Two Sale Deeds situated at Hosur Sarjapur Raod, HSR Sector VI, Bangalore together with all the rights appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above surfaces; New Municipal No.43/5 in the layout formed by the Bangalore Developments Authority and measuring and bounded as follows: Measurements: East to West: 15.230 Mtrs North to South: 23.250 Mtrs In all total measuring 354.08 Sq mtrs and Boundaries: East by : Plot No.04; West by : Plot No.06; North by : By Road; and South by : Premises No.36.

Standing in the name of Mrs. H Shailaja Reddy w/o Mr.N N H Bhaskar Reddy

6) For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of notice, failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of security interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under section 13 of the Act, interalia, includes power to (i) take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset, (ii) take over the management of the business of the borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset,(iii) appoint any person as Manager to manage the secured assests the possession of which has been taken over by us (secured creditor) and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights in, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you. (iv) require at any time by notice in writing, any person who has acquired any of the secured assets from you and from whom any money is due or may become due to you, to pay to us (secured creditor), so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the secured debt.

7) The amount realized from the exercising of the powers mentioned above, will first be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which in the opinion of us have been properly incurred by us or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the dues of us as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, shall be paid to you.

8) Please take note that after receipt of this notice, you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor. We draw your attention to section 29 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, which awards imprisonment up to one year, or with fine, or with both, if you contravene the provisions of the Act.

9) We also inform you that, notwithstanding the action or proceeding under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, we reserve our right either (i) to simultaneously file, proceed and pursue suits/Applications/cases against you and or guarantors before DRT/Court, as the case may be , to realize the outstanding dues from you and guarantors, and or (ii) to proceed against you and or guarantors before Debts Recovery Tribunal/Courts, for recovery of the balance amount due to our Bank, if the entire outstanding amount together with the contractual rate if interest, are not fully satisfied with the sale proceeds of the secured assets. (iii) to proceed against you and or guarantor/s for initiating Criminal action for the acts, or omission committed by you under the provisions of law.

10) Your attention is invited to provisions of sub sec(8) of sec (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 23.04.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer / Chief Manager
Central Bank of India

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E- Tender Notice No.
01 UBL 2021 of 20.04.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders (IRPS) for the following work :

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Proposal for annual recharging the DTH connections. (Qty 160 Nos).	Rs. 8,21,400/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11:00 hrs. of 19.05.2021
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Division Railway Manager (S&T)
PUB/24/AAV/PRB/SWR/2021-22 **Hubballi**

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I
LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, Near Bishop Cotton Boys High School, Bengaluru-560025

O.A. No. 143/2020

Between :
Axis Bank Limited **... Applicant**
AND
Sri. Srikanth K N & others
...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

3.M/S. S2 HOMES, Represented by its partners, Sri. Chethan Kumar P & Sri. Somshekar Reddy, No.59, 3rd Main, BTM Ring Road, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore - 560029

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for the recovery of Sum of **Rs.54,08,825/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Fine Rupees Only) amount together with current and future interest cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **06.07.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **15th day of April 2021.**

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I
LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, Near Bishop Cotton Boys High School, Bengaluru-560025

O.A. No. 136/2020

Between :
Axis Bank Limited **... Applicant**
AND
Sri Basab Bordoloi & others
...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

1.Basab Bordoloi, S/o Sri Prafulla Chandra BordoloE, Aged about 50 years, No. 404, Shesha Bhanu, Residency-1, 27/7, 4th Main, 6th Cross, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076.

Also at: Basab Bordoli, Flat No.606, Carnation Towel, Omaxe, Green Valley, Near Green Field, Faridabad-121010.

2.M/S. Value Design Build Private Limited, Represented by its managing director Mr.Koshy Varghese, No.14, 3rd Main, 3rd Phase, 2nd Stage, Domlur, Bangalore - 560071.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for the recovery of Sum of **Rs.68,32,518/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Thirty Two Thousend Five Hundred and Eighteen Rupees Only) amount together with current and future interest cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **06.07.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **15th day of April 2021.**

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF XXIX ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
(CCH-30) G & W.C. NO. 16/2021

BETWEEN: Kum. Laksmitha R Gowda, Daughter of Sri. Ravindra.R, Aged about 14 years, Represented by her Natural Guardian & Father, Sri. Ravindra.R. Residing at No. 348, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road, Near Vinayaka Park, Vyalikaval Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040 **: PETITIONER**

AND : NIL **: RESPONDENT**

SUMMONS BY PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above case for granting permission to sell the Suit Schedule Property, which is morefully described hereunder to the Buyers namely Sri. Mahendra Seervi and Smt. Lalita for a valid Sale consideration of **Rs.82,00,000/- (Rupees: Eighty Two Lakhs only)** in terms of agreement of sale dated 15.02.2021 and in this regard any person who is having interest, having any objections for the sale of the Schedule Property, they may submit their objections in the above matter on **15.06.2021**. The General Public are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able, to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the **15.06.2021 at 11 A.M.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing **Site No.31, Municipal Corporation No.35 & PID No.20-4-35** (carved out of land bearing Survey No.33/5 of Shivanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), **presently known as 1st 'C' Main Road, Shivanagar, Bangalore,** within the administrative limits of BBMP Ward No.20 of Sivanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 30 ft and North to South : 40 ft, **totally measuring 1200 sq ft** together with the building comprising of ground and first floor, **having a total built-up area of 1800 sq ft** and all other rights, easements and appurtenances thereto and bound as follows:

East : Land belonging to Parvathaiah;
West : Site bearing No.30;
North : Site bearing No.32;
South : Road.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this **21.04.2021**

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **H.K.Srivasthava**
No.1038, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560 010.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,89,81,447/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Seven Only)** as on **02-08-2020** together with further interest to be charged from **03-08-2020** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. A. Chinnaswamy, S/o. Anthoniyappa, Flat No. F - 1, First Floor, Kowndinya Apartment, L-54, 2nd B Main, 6th Sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102. No.2) Mrs. Fathima Mary, W/o. A. Chinnaswamy, Flat No.F - 1, First Floor, Kowndinya Apartment, L-54, 2nd B Main, 6th Sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. A. Chinnaswamy, S/o. Anthoniyappa)

Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing BDA site No. L – 54 present BBMP katha No.622/L-54 situated at Hosur Sarjapura Road Layout (HSR layout, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority) in sector 6, Bangalore - 560 102 presently comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West 24.22 meters and North to South 15.23 meters in all measuring 368.87 Sq.meters and bounded on : East by : Property No L -71, West by : 40 feet Road, North by : Property No.L-53, South by : Property No.L-55.

SCHEDULE - B

940 Sq.ft. of Undivided share, right , title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE - C

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. F.1 in the First Floor measuring 3,155 Square feet of super built-up area containing Three Bed Rooms, Servant Room, Hall, Dining and Kitchen, including proportionate share in common areas such as lobbies, passage, lifts, staircase along with other common amenities provided, contained in the Multi- storied Residential Apartment known as 'KOWNDINYA' constructed on the Schedule 'A' property together with separate electricity, common water and sanitation together with Two Covered Car Parking slots in the Basement Floor and including all easementary rights, title, interest, privileges and appurtenances thereto in the Residential Apartment known as 'KOWNDINYA'.

Reserve Price: Rs.2,40,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore Forty Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
20-05-2021	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru- Malleswaram Branch, No. 58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No. 080-23463636, Cell No. 9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 22-04-2021 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India

HSR Layout Branch
No.395, 10th Main, 7th Sector,
HSR Layout,
Near Muniyappa Complex, Bangalore-560102

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

To: 1) Mrs.Padmavathi MadhuKumar w/o Mr.MadhuKumar K V (Borrower) **2) Mr.MadhuKumar K V** s/o Mr.Venkatesha (Co Borrower), All are R/at No 51 2nd Floor 18th Main Road, 21st Cross 3rd Sector, HSR Layout Bangalore 560102.

1) We have, at your request, granted to you various credit limits for an aggregate amount of **Rs.68,00,000/-(Sixty Eight Lakhs Only)** at our Branch, and we give below full details of various credit facilities granted by us.

Term Loan under Mortgage Loan Scheme with a limit of Rs 68, 00,000/- (Sixty Eight Lakhs Only) sanctioned on 23/09/2015 favouring Mr.Padmavathi Madhukumar w/o Mr.Madhukumar - A/C No 3945492338.

2. We inform you that out of total amount of **Rs. 46,86,733.5/- (Rs Forty Six Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty three rupees and fifty paise only)** due to us as on **09.04.2021**. You have defaulted in repayment of entire amount **Rs. 49,64,388.5/- (Rs Forty Six Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty three rupees and fifty paise only)** due to us as on **03.04.2021** plus further interest/Charges there on.

3) As you have defaulted in repayment of your full liabilities, we have classified your dues as **Non-Performing Asset** on **31.03.2021** in accordance with the directions or guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

4) We also inform you that in spite of our repeated demand notices & oral requests for repayment of the entire amount due to us, you have not so far paid the same.

5) You are aware that the various limits granted by us are secured by the following assets/security agreements (secured assets) :

PRIMARY SECURITY :

Standing in the name of Mrs.Padmavathi w/o Mr.Madhu Kumar K V

All that residential property bearing Municipal No.1467/27/51/2, (first Floor premises of the property bearing Municipal No.27/51,Old B.D.A Site No .51)having super Builtup area of 1500 sq. ft together with 400 sq. ft of undivided share in the entire property bearing Municipal No 27/51,situated at HSR Layout, Sector- III, Bangalore, within the limits of BBMP, measurement and boundaries for the entire building is as under: Measurements East to West: East to West: (18.50Mtrs+18.40)/2 Mtrs, North to South: (8.80Mtrs+ 6.40)/2 Mtrs. Boundaries: East: By Road; West: By Old BDA Site No.71; North: By Road and South: By Old BDA Site No 52.

6) For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of notice, failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of security interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under section 13 of the Act, interalia, includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset, (ii) take over the management of the business of the borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset,(iii) appoint any person as Manager to manage the secured assests the possession of which has been taken over by us (secured creditor) and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights in, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you. (iv) require at any time by notice in writing, any person who has acquired any of the secured assets from you and from whom any money is due or may become due to you, to pay to us (secured creditor), so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the secured debt.

7) The amount realized from the exercising of the powers mentioned above, will first be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which in the opinion of us have been properly incurred by us or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the dues of us as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, shall be paid to you.

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10) Your attention is invited to provisions of sub sec(8) of sec (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 23.04.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer / Chief Manager
Central Bank of India

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. **Branch Office:** 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	30198650008665	**1. M/s. Sree Balaaji Silks** Represented By Its Proprietor **Mr. R. Nagaraj 2) Mr. R. Nagaraj 3) Mrs. M N Manjula**	**Demand Notice dated: 10.07.2019**	**Possession Notice dated: 29.05.2020**	**Rs.28,71,824/-** (Rupess Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on **19.04.2021**	**04.05.2021 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m**	**Rs. 63,00,000/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Only)	**Rs. 6,30,000/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)	**18-05-2021 at 11.30 a.m**	**17-05-2021** before **5pm** at **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025
	Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing Site No.14, 15, & 16, Old Katha No. 191/1, 192, 193, 194/1, 194/2, New Katha No.208/1, 2, 3, 4, Yelchaguppe Village, Tavarekere Grama Panchayath, Tavareker Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East To West: Towards North: 54.5ft; East To West: Towards South: 63ft and North To South: Towards East: 131ft; North To South: Towards West: 121ft, in all measuring 7402.25 Sq.ft and and **bounded on the: East By:** Site Nos.11, 12, 13, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Site No.17, **South By:** Private Property.									
2	30198850004338	**1. M/s. Harshitha Milk Parlour** Represented By Its Proprietor **Mr. Sathish C 2) Mr. Sathish C 3) Mrs. Muninarasamma**	**Demand Notice dated: 28.06.2019**	**Possession Notice dated: 05.06.2020**	**Rs.1,85,642/-** (Rupess One Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Two Only) as on **19.04.2021**	**04.05.2021 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m**	**Rs. 5,10,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)	**Rs. 51,000/-** (Rupees Fifty One Thousand Only)	**28-05-2021 at 11.30 a.m**	**27-05-2021** before **5pm** at **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025
	Property Description/ Schedule: All the piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No. 31, New Katha No. 477, Khaneshumari No.477, Situated at Shanboganahalli, Billwarda Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40 ft, North to South 25 ft in all measuring 1000 sq. ft and **bounded on the: East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Property belong to Papanna, **Northy By:** Property Belongs to Venkatesh, **South By:** Road.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & " AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger)** at the web portal **https://janabank.auctiontiger.net.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact number: 09722778828/ 079- 68136854/ 51, 55, 56. E-Mail ids: praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank officers Mr. Harish S V (Mob No.9448458823) & Mr. Raghavendra.G (Mob No: 9845133501)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 24.04.2021, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

WHATSAPP SUMMONS The Kerala High Court on Friday held that summons cannot be sent through WhatsApp as there was no such provision in CrPC

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IN what is claimed as a first in the country, the State government on Friday airlifted nine empty tankers to bring back 150 tonnes of medical liquid oxygen from Rourkela Steel Plant in Angul in Odisha. .

The empty tankers, airlifted from Begumpet airport by IAF cargo flights, are expected to return with oxygen by April 27 by road.

Airlifting of empty tankers will reduce the transportation time of oxygen by three days. Health Minister E Rajender and Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar saw off the IAF flights to Odisha.

The Chief Secretary has been in touch with the central government officials for the past couple of days and prevailed upon them to spare IAF flights to transport oxygen tankers as they would cut at least three days' time. "This will not only save time but will also help in resolving the oxygen shortage problem in the State to a great extent for a few days. Airlifting of oxygen tankers is happening for the first time in the country," the Chief Secretary said later. Two C17 Indian Air Force flights are commandeered by Wing Commander Chaitanya and Wing Commander Nijhawan.

Special Chief Secretary (Transport, R&B) Sunil Sharma, Dr Preeti Meena and other officials were instrumental in the operation. Meanwhile, the IT Minister tweeted his compliments to the Health Minister and Somesh Kumar for supervising the airlifting operation from Hyderabad to Odisha. "First time in India #NeedOfTheHour" (sic), he tweeted.

The empty tankers from Hyderabad being unloaded in Odisha on Friday | EXPRESS

As hosp beds dry up, oxygen concentrators come in vogue

Hyderabad: While the number of Covid-19 cases is steadily increasing and thousands of patients infected by the virus are facing severe symptoms like breathlessness, people are ready to spend over `45,000 to `50,000 for purchasing devices like oxygen concentrators, as hospital beds remain completely occupied. Oxygen cylinders have also become scare and require several thousands for every refill. These high-end devices, which are currently in vogue, comes with two cylinders of capacity ranging from five to 20 litres and convert oxygen from the surroundings into high-flow oxygen to pass through a medical mask. According to companies that sell the same, these devices can maintain up to 90% SpO2 levels. The demand only continues to grow with large families and even apartment complexes contemplating to invest in the same for their use.

In fresh curbs, Kerala restricts weekend travel

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THE State government on Friday announced a set of stringent guidelines to restrict public movement and crowding, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays, with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan urging people to avoid unnecessary travel during weekend and to rather stay at home.

Only institutions related to telecom, IT, health services, media, milk supply, water supply and electricity will function on Saturdays and Sundays. Vaccination centres will function on Saturdays.

Weddings can be held with not more than 75 people inside a hall and a maximum of 150 people in open spaces. Not more than 50 people can attend funerals. Those attending weddings should carry an identification document and the wedding invitation as well.

The CM urged people to avoid long-distance travel. However, travel exemptions will be given for purposes such as wedding, funeral, visiting an ailing close relative and for buying food or medicines. Such travellers should carry self declaration form citing the purpose of travel.

Rail and flight services will continue to operate during weekends. During police checks, rail or air travellers should produce ticket or boarding pass along with identity card.

Hotels and restaurants have been allowed home delivery. People can visit restaurants to buy food, but should carry a self-declaration form. No restriction has been imposed for door-to-door sale of fish. However, the vendors should follow Covid-19 protocol.

Lavalin plea against probe: ED directed to file affidavit

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THE High Court on Friday directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which is probing alleged violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the SNC Lavalin deal, to file a counter affidavit in response to a petition filed by SNC Lavalin Engineering India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, seeking to quash the summons issued against it.

Justice K Haripal issued a notice to ED and posted the case after three weeks. The petitioner also sought to declare that PMLA is not applicable in the case being probed by the CBI.

The CBI had investigated the case pertaining to the contracts executed between the company and the government for the renovation and modernisation of three hydroelectric projects - Pallivasal, Sengulam and Panniar Hydro Electric Projects (PSP). The CBI filed the chargesheet in 2009. The company said the summons was issued mischievously, with an ulterior motive.

FADED FUTURE

Shahpur saree industry not spared by Covid-19 wave, over 2 lakh on brink of distress

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

A large number of people in the district whose livelihood depends on the Shahpur saree industry are on the brink of a second round of economic hardship inflicted by the second wave of Covid-19 infections.

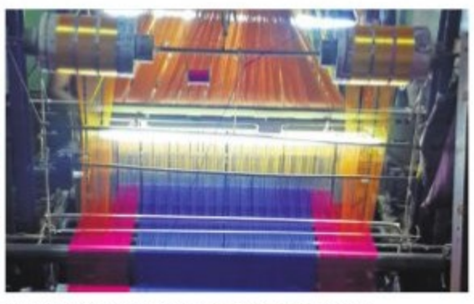
The industry has taken a hit both in terms of supply chain disruption and a lack of buyers in several cities, especially in Mumbai and Delhi which are dealing with spikes in Covid-19 emergencies.

The industry – which was barely recovering from the lockdown last year – has taken a serious hit. Output has decreased by over 80% since the second wave began, pushing around two lakh people – labourers, weavers, and others dependent on the industry – and their families into economic hardship, according to Parashuram Dhage, who owns several power looms in Belagavi.

Dhage said the Centre's decision to permit export of yarn to other countries has severely affected the textile industry in the country. "We need at least four lakh kg of yarn every day in Belagavi to produce 50,000 Shahpur sarees on power looms. A drastic rise in yarn prices in the markets of Mumbai has put Belagavi's weavers in a dilemma. The government should reduce exports of yarn and provide it at lower rates to local weavers," Dhage said.

However, with restrictions imposed to contain the spread of Covid-19, many non-essential services – including shops that sell these world-famous sarees – have had to close on Thursday, often under pressure from the police. Several political leaders, including Belagavi MLAs Abhay Patil and Anil Benake, have appealed to the government to help local traders.

Businessman Pramod Deshpande said he had no objection to a weekend shutdown, but wanted shops to open for at least a few hours on weekdays to sell existing stocks.



A weaver making a saree on a power loom at Khasbag, Belagavi | EXPRESS

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(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.1, Tank Road, Priyadarshini Commercial Complex, Halasuru, Bengaluru-42.
e-Mail: khdcsilk@gmail.com Website: www.khdcltd.com
No: KHDC/MD/MPS/21-22/01 Date: 05.04.2021

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Managing Director, Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited (KHDCL) invites tender as per KTPP Act 1999 & Rules 2000 from reputed Reelers, Twisters & Silk Traders for supply of 3500 kgs. of silk yarn in two cover system (Technical & Financial Bids) through e-Procurement portal of Gok **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date for submission of tenders is **22.05.2021, 17.30 hrs.** Corporation reserves the right to partially or totally accept/ reject the tender without any notification.

Sd/- Manager Production (Silk)

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Office of The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Gadag
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Phone : 08372 - 234375 / 234376 Fax : 08372 - 230211
S.No.:GZP/CAO/AD/2021-22 Dated : 23.04.2021

Short term E-Tender Notice

Tender can be uploaded in two cover system through e-procurement from **23.04.2021** to **04.05.2021** for e-portal No. RDPR/2021-22/IND2244 (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from interested Manufacturers, Authorised Sellers for supply of Chemicals, Chemical equipment and others of approx. value Rs. **50** lakhs for Covid control to R.T.P.C.R. Laboratory of Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences Gadag. For further information contact the office of the undersigned on working days.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Gadag.
DIPR/Gadag/MCA/46/2021-22

ANDHRA PRADESH MARITIME BOARD
2nd Floor, Port Admin. Building, Kakinada-533 007
NOTIFICATION FOR e-PROCURMENT TENDER CUM e-REVERSE TENDER

APMB is planning to develop Greenfield Port at Machilipatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh on EPC & Reverse Tendering basis e-Tender cum Reverse Tendering Notice No. **1/SE/DB/2021-22** for development of Greenfield Port at Machilipatnam in Krishna district in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
The Reverse Tender cum e-Tenders can be downloaded from the website: **https://apeprocurement.gov.in/** from 26-04-2021 and further details can be had from the undersigned contact Ph: **9440897595.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Marine), APMB, Kakinada
DIPR No.45PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.23/04/2021

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer
KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division,Davanagere
Ph : 08192-264669 email: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in

Tender Notification

Ref: ಸಂ.ಕಾಇಂ/ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಭನಾವಿ–5:ದಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ–2/4701–ಭ.ವಿ.ನೀ. ಯೋ:224/10/2021–22 **Date : 22.04.2021**

On behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Davanagere invites tenders in Single Cover system through e-procurement portal for the following works under reference Heads of Account 4701 – Bhadra Lift Irrigation Project. The eligible contractors can download the percentage tenders from e-procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **23.04.2021 at 11.00 A M** and submit the tender before **03.05.2021 upto 4.00 P M.** The date for tender clarifications is on **27.04.2021 upto 4.00 P M** and date of opening of financial bid is on **04.05.2021 at 4.30 P M. Total number of works: 01. Total amount for works: Rs 49.59 lakhs.** The undersigned officer has reserved the right to postpone, accept or reject the tender without assigning any reasons. For more details contact the e-procurement portal or the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- H B Mallappa
Executive Engineer,
KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Davanagere
DIPR/DVG/No.55 zenkar/2021-22

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organisation, Ernakulam Junction

1. **TENDER NOTICE NO. 04/CE/CN/ERS/2021(OT) dt.19.04.2021** **Name of work:** New bridges 254 A & 256 (Via duct) for down line between Kottayam-Chingavanam (balance works) **Tender value:** Rs.818.17 Lakhs.
2. **TENDER NOTICE NO.05/CE/CN/ERS/2021(OT) dt.19.04.2021** **Name of work:** New bridge 271 (Via duct) for down line between Kottayam-Chingavanam (balance works) **Tender value:** Rs.941.30 Lakhs.
3. **TENDER NOTICE NO.06/CE/CN/ERS/2021(OT) dt.19.04.2021** **Name of work:** New bridge 266 (Via duct) for down line between Kottayam-Chingavanam (balance works) **Tender value:** Rs.955.11 Lakhs.

Date of opening: 12.05.2021 @ 15.30hrs
Complete details & tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**
Chief Engineer/Construction Ernakulam Junction
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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
O/o Commissioner, 5th Floor, MS Building, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-01.Ph: 22253783, 22254071

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: SWD/ED-4/CR-95/2019-20 **Date: 23-04-2021**

The Department of Social Welfare has invited has E-Tender from the Manufacturers and authorized Dealers for the Supply & Installation of Network Video Surveillance Systems for the use in Government Residential Schools, Pre Metric & Post Metric hostels. The tender document details can be downloaded through e-procurement portal in Government of Karnataka **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The commencement of download of e-tender form from website is **23-04-2021.** The last date and time for uploading of E-tender in E-procurement platform on or before **24-05-2021, 5.30 P.M.** Those who are interested to supply can participate in the process.

Sd/- Joint Director (Education) Social Welfare Department, Bengaluru.
DIPR/DDU/260/AKAR/2021-22

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Government of Karnataka
(PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D, SEDAM DIVISION, SEDAM
No. PWD/Ts-2/corrigendum/2021-22/195 Date : 22-04-2021

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub : Tenders called in e-Procurement for the works under KKRDB Works For the Year 2020-21 in Chincholi Taluka.
Ref : 1) This office tender notification No. 107, Dated : 15-04-2021
With reference to the above subject, The tender called for the works from **Sedam Taluka Work Indent (1)** 136562, (2) 136554 and (3) 136329 are cancelled by technical issue in the e-procurement Portal.
Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https//www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Sedam
DIP/Kalaburagi/93/MC&A/2021-22

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
Government of Karnataka
Office of the Regional Transport Officer Jayanagar, Bangalore (South)
No. RTO.BNG(S)/EST-2/PR-1/2021-22 Dated: 22-04-2021

e-Tender Notification

Tender is invited by Transport Department from the eligible firms for (1) House-keeping work (2) Security Guards work at Regional Transport Office, Jayanagar, Bangalore situated at 2nd Floor, TTMC Building, Jayanagar, 4th Block Bangalore, Tender along with necessary documents shall be submitted on-line through e-Procurement platform only. For more details please log on to e-proc website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** tenderers may take assistance from e-Procurement help desk at **080-23010900/23010901/39815300.** Last date for submission of Quotation is **10.05.2021 upto 4.00 P.M.** For Clarifications please contact: **080-26630989**
"Approved by the Joint Commissioner for Transport", Bangalore (Urban)

Sd/- Regional Transport Officer, Jayanagar, Bangalore (South)
DIPR/DDU/SHIRDI SAI/255/2021-22

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL. IBC Division No.1, Kembhavi. Tq: Shorapur. Dt: Yadgiri,
Email:-ee_ibcdiv1kembhavi@yahoo.com Phone no.08443278674
No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB-1/Tender/2020-21/1015 Date: 26-03-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC Division No.1, kembhavi, Tq: shorapur, invites the percentage tenders from Class-III & above contractor registered in KPWD for the 22 works (11 SCP borewell amount **63.25 Lakhs** and 11 TSP borewell amount 67.50 Lakhs) amounting to Rs. 130.75 lakhs. The tenderers are required to submit tenders in Single cover system (The blank tenders can be obtained through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and can be submitted through electronic tender box).
1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 26-04-2021 to 25-05-2021 in the web site http: www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in / e-portal. 2) Last date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents will be 25-05-2021 upto 4.30 PM, 3) Tender shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 28-05-2021 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose EMD has been confirmed on the e – Tendering platform. 4. Further information can be had from the undersigned during office hours. 5.If any of the dates mentioned above happened to be a general holiday, the next working day holds good. 6) Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC Division-1, Kembhavi,
DIP/Yadgiri/28/MC&A/2021-22

ಉಪನಗರ ವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆ (STRR) ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಆಯುಕ್ತರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಎ., ನಂ.1002, ಆಲಿ ಆಸ್ಕರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 052
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080–22263479

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : STRRPA/TP/CLU/09/2021-22 **ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ** ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.04.2021.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ವಲಯದಿಂದ ವಸತಿ ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಉಪನಗರ ವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆ (STRR) ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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— Ramnath Goenka

KERALA BETTER PLACED, BUT NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY

While the entire country is in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic, Kerala perhaps is the only state that moved from the first wave to the second with little gap between the two. That the state didn't have time to relax is probably the reason why it seems better equipped to handle the deadlier second wave than many other states at the moment. Its ICU occupancy is below 10% and oxygen supply more than double the current requirement. Its vaccination record too is better than many of the bigger states, having vaccinated more than 16% of the general population and 41% of the 45-plus one with at least one dose. However, the situation could soon change for the worse given the speed at which the infection is spreading. Kerala has been consistently clocking a double-digit growth in daily cases in the last few days. The state has a large vulnerable population tightly packed together and it will no doubt have to pay the price for letting its guard down. The recent Assembly polls, during which the pandemic-related restrictions were largely ignored, should be considered a superspreader event.

The state administration must act quickly and decisively to prevent the crisis from deepening. It must find ways to accelerate the vaccination programme while effectively enforcing containment measures to limit the spread of the virus. The tussle with the Centre over pricing and procurement formalities cannot be allowed to hold up the vaccination drive. While the Pinarayi Vijayan government's decision to procure vaccines directly from manufacturers is timely, its generous promise of making them available to the public free of cost seems unwise and may prove to be counterproductive. Given the moderate pricing of the vaccines, letting those who can afford to pay for the jab do so would speed up the whole process. It's also time to impose more curbs to avoid crowding. Public functions need to be stopped immediately. The government can also consider shutting down malls, markets, theatres and parks for some time. All these will help the state avoid a situation where it may be forced to go for a total lockdown.

ANDHRA GOVT HAS ITS TASK CUT OUT

The Covid situation in Andhra Pradesh is turning grim by the day with the state recording over 10,000 cases for the second day running. The state government has announced a slew of measures, including free vaccination for all aged above 18 and imposition of night curfew indefinitely. However, where it needs to immediately focus on is the supply of oxygen and ventilators to meet the rapidly increasing demand.

The state has 208 Covid hospitals with a bed capacity of 21,581 and close to 12,000 are currently occupied. On the face of it, everything appears under control. But if we closely examine it, the supply of oxygen is a major hurdle with logistics becoming a nightmare. If all the beds are occupied, the state would require at least 515 metric tonne of oxygen while the allocation is 440 metric tonne. Andhra has to get part of the supplies from Odisha and Karnataka and redistribute the same to hospitals in different districts for which there is a shortfall of vehicles. Apart from this, the demand for ventilators, this newspaper has learnt, could soon be double the existing numbers. The situation is particularly concerning in Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Tirupati and Vijayawada since many from other parts of the state arrive in these cities for treatment, thus putting the hospitals there under immense pressure. The government has its task cut out. It has already put in place a mechanism with a state-level command and control centre coordinating the efforts. Containment is the only way to prevent a crisis the likes of which we are witnessing in Delhi and other places.

The government, while it goes about procuring vaccines, drugs, oxygen and ventilators, should also strictly enforce Covid norms. Imposing fines of up to ₹100 for not wearing a mask in public places is not going to deter anyone. Hefty fines must be imposed and a blitz launched to promote awareness. Similarly, we reiterate that it will be wiser to defer Intermediate exams scheduled to begin in the first week of May. The government should match its last year's performance if we are to emerge out of this second wave with minimum losses.

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VACCINATION: EXPLICIT AND IMPLICIT RATIONING

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Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM. Views are personal

AMIT BANDRE

A video circulated of a Delhi-based couple violating lockdown rules, defying instructions to wear masks and abusing cops when taken to task. This is a metaphor for our aggregate responses to Covid after the hump of the first phase seemed to be over around November 2020. Laxity was evident in government responses to social, religious and political gatherings that are collective in nature and individual citizens throwing caution to the winds, among others. A second phase and a double mutant was bound to be back. Evidence suggested that. Indeed, Covid is back with a vengeance. If one thinks present numbers are scary, with more than 15 million infections, 1,86,500 deaths and over 3,00,000 daily cases (at the time of writing), one needs to think again. Positivity and transmission rates, especially for some states, indicate numbers will get worse. There are also question marks about testing and quality of mortality data. While these have always been problematic, laxity may have made it worse. Projections are fraught with problems, both because of uncertainty about the nature of the virus and about our aggregate collective response. For what it is worth, the second peak is unlikely to taper before July. Therefore, other than the obvious point about behavioral responses, what does one do?

If one goes by the dictionary meaning of the word antidote, a vaccine isn't quite that. Vaccination against a virus is innately different from vaccinating against bacteria. Hence, vaccination doesn't mean one can forget social distancing norms. Notwithstanding reports of individuals with both doses having contracted the infection, vaccination reduces the likelihood of an individual getting infected. If infected, it reduces severity. At the time of writing, there have been nearly 135 million vaccination doses, with around 115 million people in India receiving at least the first dose. These are cumulative figures. What's an achievable daily vaccination target? Probably something like 5 million and no more. One can do the mathematics and figure out how long it will take to achieve universal vaccination coverage. India isn't Israel, which has now gone maskless, with a significant share of the population having been vaccinated. Nor is India Bhutan, with a coverage of more than 65% (the number is more for eligible adults). India's population size, geographical expanse and regional heterogeneity make those comparisons meaningless. Success in vaccination is a function of administrative delivery capacity and availability of the vaccine. At the moment, availability of vaccines means Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech. Imports, including Sputnik, are subject to question marks.

Most economics is about supply and demand curves. They set a market-clearing price and clear the market, performing an allocative function. Any price control, set administratively, distorts the market, unless the administratively determined price is set above the market-clearing price. In this instance, that clearly wasn't the case. A market-clearing price is a function of the vaccine and company producing it. Under the newly announced Phase 3 vaccination strategy, companies will pre-announce the price. Pending that, one dose is unlikely to cost less than ₹1,000. Hence, ₹150 or ₹200 was set below the equilibrium price. Unfortunately, there is always a tendency to set prices low, under the presumption that people cannot afford to pay. There is a difference between subsidising a set of people who cannot afford to pay and subsidising across the board, setting prices artificially low. Logically, this means demand will exceed supply and there won't be an incentive to produce. That shortage needs an allocative mechanism and, in practice, is nothing but rationing. Therefore, the question of vaccinating the entire population did not arise. There weren't enough doses. The first rounds of rationing were for those 60+ and it then changed to 45+ with co-morbidities. At the risk of provoking people, this is a relatively unproductive segment of the population. Productive segments are younger. If economic activity and livelihoods are to be protected, and knee-jerk reactions of lockdowns avoided, that segment needed to be vaccinated first. Stated less provocatively, a better rationing strategy, from an all-India perspective, would have been to attempt universal coverage in centres of economic activity and ignore the geographical rest. But that's politically impossible and lack of data also constrains such focused identification.

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Ostensibly, Phase 3 recognises producer incentives and creates a dual and segmented market, by offering 50% of production to the Union government (for subsidised 45+ immunisation) and the remainder to state governments and private immunisation programmes at a market-determined price. It allows cross-subsidisation and opens up immunisation to 18+. But there are catches. (a) It will take Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech time to scale up production, even if capacities meant for other vaccines are switched. Both companies have commercial export commitments and India has GAVI commitments. Therefore, we will have to wait till at least September 2021 for a ramp up and even then, there will be a shortage. (b) Hypothetically, other dormant public sector manufacturers can be revived, but that takes longer. (c) The US has used the Defence Production Act to restrict imports of inputs and these cannot easily be made in India, not without long timelines. (d) With the WTO dormant, at least till now, invoking compulsory licensing provisions is complicated and messy. Only one conclusion is possible and this is realistic, not deliberately pessimistic. There will continue to be implicit rationing, albeit in a dual market. There will be rationing in how the Union government allocates its 50% to states. And there will be rationing in how the remaining 50% is picked up by state governments and private entities.

(Tweets @bibekdebroy)

PANDEMIC AND THE INDISCIPLINED INDIAN

NANDITHA KRISHNA

Historian, environmentalist and writer based in Chennai

The Indian outside India is a person to be proud of: disciplined, hard-working and a role model. Even the Indian tourist outside India behaves well. Yet, the same fellow comes back to India, spits out a stream of dirty red *paan*, throws his garbage outside his neighbour's house and breaks every law. If the Indian visiting other countries can follow their rules, why can't he obey the laws within India? Because he is an indisciplined Indian?

The present Covid crisis was easily avoidable. But people had stopped wearing masks, there was no social distancing, and parties and weddings were in full swing. The icing on the cake was the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar and the election rallies in five states. When the Kumbh devotees went back home they would have spread the virus to the entire country. Why would the Covid numbers not increase exponentially? Now the whole country is suffering, with a shortage of oxygen and vaccines. Earlier, the rate of increase was slow. Now, if one person in a family has Covid, we can be sure of a full familial breakout.

Why is the Indian so indisciplined? The most important reasons are the lack of implementation and enforcement of laws and the very low penalties for breaking the law. Firstly, how often do we see enforcement of the law? Bike riders regularly do not wear a helmet, yet no policeman stops them. People jump red lights with impunity. Have you ever driven down a one-way street with vehicles driving from the opposite direction? There are any number of examples. Further, it is often cheaper to break the law. For example, the penalty for the most heinous crime towards an animal is ₹50. The cattle owner breaks the cow's leg to prove that it is no longer healthy and is only fit to be sold. If his explanation of 'accident' is not accepted, he pays a mere ₹50 fine, whereas he earns ₹3,000 for selling a healthy cow for slaughter. The penalties are no deterrent. In Singapore, fines could range from $1,000 to a jail term. In India, it costs just a few rupees to break a traffic law.

Corruption and the slow justice delivery system are other major culprits. You can get a driver's license by bribing rather than by going through the painful process of visiting the RTO several times. If you are smelling of liquor or you have driven over a homeless person sleeping on the road, bribe the policeman and race off into the night. Film stars and VVIP brats do it with impunity. Even if a case is booked, the justice system is so slow and convoluted that it takes several years to reach the courts, by which time witnesses die or become hostile and the case is won by the culprit on technical grounds. When a child sees his elders break the law, he believes it is alright to do the same and this indiscipline is 'inherited' by the next generation.

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And what about the filth and garbage on the streets? Municipalities place huge bins everywhere, but people prefer pouring their rubbish on the road. Public urination and defecation are disgusting, yet Indian men have no qualms in unzipping and urinating in public. India must be the dirtiest and smelliest country in the world. Yet, the same destroyers of public cleanliness will have spotless homes.

Unfortunately, during the Independence movement, defying authority was encouraged by Mahatma Gandhi and the leaders of the Indian National Congress. The Civil Disobedience movement was one of the most important campaigns launched by Gandhi. He encouraged students to defy their teachers and boycott schools and colleges—in a country that likens the Guru to Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva and even Brahman. In 1936, The All-India Students' Federation was established to support the INC and many students took violent action to paralyse the British administration, cutting telephone wires, blocking transport routes, destroying public property and disturbing postal, police, banking and other services, thereby bringing the government machinery to a standstill. This has seeped into our DNA. The students became adults and politicians who encouraged people to defy the law, burn buses and organise rail rokos to attract media attention. Protestors do not care if the hard-working common man is unable to reach his workplace on time: They have a divine right to stay on the street for as long as they want, protesting against what they do not like, even if they are in a minority. Can you imagine this happening in any developed country?

In the *Bhagavad Gita* (3.21), Krishna says, "Whatever a great man does, common people follow; whatever example he sets, the world follows that." I doubt our leaders or bureaucrats have read the *Gita*, for they are the first to break the law. Politicians enjoy the heady adrenaline of roadshows with people shouting their support; they abuse toll gate attendants and slap policemen. All political parties are equally to blame. But today, it is costing us our good health and lives. We cannot berate people for putting human lives at risk when the leaders are equally or more culpable. *Yatha raja tatha praja*. We must learn to discipline ourselves, rather than take the country to a catastrophic edge with lockdowns and migrations, putting people out of work, closing businesses and bringing the economy to a standstill.

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Focus on the major issues

The pandemic is the biggest challenge we have faced in recent times. Containing the spread of the virus and ensuring continuous medical attention and supply of life-supporting equipment are the two major issues that authorities must focus on.

M Somasekhar Prasad, Hyderabad

Kerala CM's plan timely

The decision of Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan to go ahead with vaccine procurement directly from the manufacturer is timely. The Centre seems to be dilly-dallying on providing free vaccinations to all and hence this decision should be welcomed.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

The wait for second dose

It is unfortunate that many people seem to be unable to get the second dose due to no-availability of vaccines on the crucial dates. Government and private hospitals should not forget those who have already got their first dose.

K S Sundaram, Coimbatore

Allot separate days

Large crowds at vaccination camps seem to be due to lack of planning. The concerned authorities should have allotted separate days for people availing their first and second dose to ensure availability of stock. They should also have allotted separate slots for those about 60 and those above 45.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Coordination required

This is with reference to *Oxygen shortage shows utter lack of planning* (Apr 23). The improper allocation of oxygen cylinders and their distribution between states has intensified the crisis. The Centre and states must coordinate with each other to form an effective distribution network.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Don't play politics

The shortage of oxygen in treating Covid patients showed that the nation was not prepared for the case count spiking so rapidly. It is easy to blame the Centre, but the states must also not play politics and do their part to tackle the virus.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

All parties to blame

This is with reference to *Breathe deep, the gathering gloom* (Apr 23). No party seems to care about the deaths due to lack of oxygen and beds in hospitals. India unfortunately also seems to lack crematoriums to do last rites for so many people as well. Is banning campaign rallies alone enough?

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

EC's actions condemnable

The article rightly highlights the failure of the powers that be in curbing the pandemic. The EC not taking enough action in ensuring safety norms are followed by parties during campaigning is condemnable.

A N Subramanian, Edathara

Set an example for others

This is with reference to *Amid crisis, Naveen sets an example* (Apr 23). Even Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy was one of the first state heads to declare that people's lives were more important and cancel the Tirupati bypoll campaign. He too set an example for other leaders.

R B R Sarma, Narsapur

Income sources take a hit

This is with reference to *Policy options before the new Kerala govt* (Apr 23). As the author pointed out, Covid-19 has taken a toll on the state's conventional sources of income, like tourism, foreign remittances, etc. A strategic reorientation is required.

Dawn Jose, Kottayam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Spoke to Sumitra Mahajan ji's son to convey my sincere apologies at last night's misinformation. He was most gracious & understanding

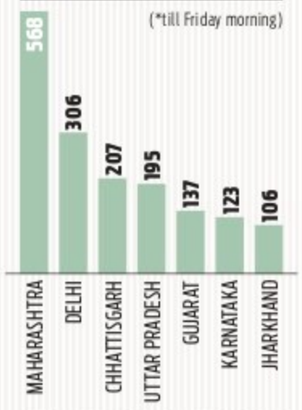
Dr Harsh Vardhan @drharshvardhan
Champion of the poor - first & foremost! Hail our beloved PM Sh @narendramodi Ji for securing food & nutrition for all...

Sanjay Singh AAP @SanjayAzadSln
Adityanathji, your government is absconding in such a big tragedy. By hiding the statistics of death, you are covering your crimes.

INDIA'S COVID UPDATES

2,263*
HIGHEST SINGLE-DAY FATALITIES

MOST DEATHS
(*till Friday morning)



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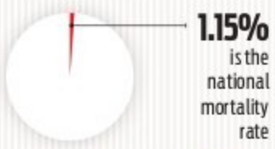
Covid-19 deaths reported so far in the country


1.15% is the national mortality rate

70% Of deaths due to comorbidities, says health ministry

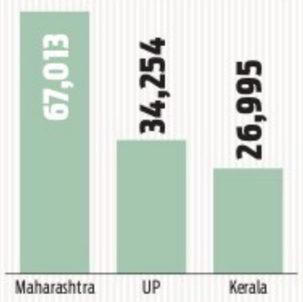
83.92%
National recovery rate

1,36,48,159
Persons have recuperated so far

COVID TALLY

AUGUST 7, 2020	20 LAKH
AUGUST 23	30 LAKH
SEPTEMBER 5	40 LAKH
SEPTEMBER 16	50 LAKH
SEPTEMBER 28	60 LAKH
OCTOBER 11	70 LAKH
OCTOBER 29	80 LAKH
NOVEMBER 20	90 LAKH
DECEMBER 19	1 CRORE
APRIL 19, 2021	1.5 CRORE

NEW CASES



Canada bans Indian flights

New Delhi: Canada joined New Zealand, Hong Kong and UAE in suspending all passenger flights from India. "Given the higher number of cases of Covid-19 detected in air passengers arriving in Canada from India and Pakistan, I am suspending all commercial and private passenger flights arriving in Canada from Indian and Pakistan for 30 days," transport minister Omar Alghabra said, adding that it was a temporary measure.

Covid-19 patients undergo treatment at LLR Hospital in Lucknow on Friday. Like the rest of the country, Uttar Pradesh is also witnessing a rapid rise in cases | PTI

Modi chides Delhi CM for 'violating' protocol at meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DELHI CM Arvind Kejriwal's televised comments during the interaction with PM Narendra Modi and other chief ministers on Friday regarding the pandemic situation and acute oxygen crisis in hospitals has triggered a controversy, with the Union government officials accusing him of "playing politics".

The visibly upset PM chided Kejriwal for "breaking protocol". As Kejriwal spoke about the acute oxygen crisis in hospitals in the national capital and called for a national plan to deal with the pandemic during Modi's interaction with chief ministers of 11 states and Union Territories, PMO officials said they were surprised to find that the Delhi leader had provided a live feed of his comments to news channels.

Kejriwal lamented restrictions on the movement of oxygen tankers by the neighbouring states even while the hospitals in the national capital have been sending the "SOS" amid fast eroding stock of the medical-grade oxygen. He sought that the Army and the paramilitary personnel be pressed into action to ease the oxygen crisis in the national capital.

Kejriwal raised the point of airlifting oxygen, but did not know that it is already being done. He spoke about oxygen express but officials say he has not communicated anything about it to the ministry
Central govt source

The PM also expressed his displeasure during the interaction over the issue, saying "this is strictly against our tradition, our protocol... that some Chief Minister is showing a live telecast of an in-house meeting."

"This is not appropriate. One should always maintain restraint," Modi said, prompting a defensive Kejriwal to say that he will keep this in mind in future and offered an apology in case he had made a "mistake or spoken harshly". However, the live streaming of his remarks continued.

The CMO said there had been no written communication on the protocol for the conference with the PMO. "However, if any inconvenience was caused we highly regret that," it said.

Remdesivir plays no role 10 days after onset of Covid-19 symptom

ICMR and AIIMS spell out cut-off threshold beyond which popular methods do not work

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID scramble for convalescent plasma and Remdesivir, the latest Covid-19 treatment protocols issued by the ICMR and AIIMS in Delhi, have for the first time set cut-off thresholds for their use after symptom onset, beyond which they have no role.

The latest guidelines released by AIIMS, ICMR-Covid19 national task force and the joint monitoring group under the Union Health Ministry say that Remdesivir can be used in patients with moderate to severe disease within 10 days of symptom onset. Plasma can be administered in early moderate disease within seven day of symptom onset.

Convalescent plasma, as per the new protocol, is of "no use after seven days" and should be given only on availability of high titre donor plasma.

Remdesivir is not recommended for those with severe renal impairment or hepatic dysfunction, the guidelines stated. "Not to be used in patients who are not on oxygen support or in home settings," the ministry underlined. These guidelines have been issued in the wake of a mammoth wave of Covid-19 infections in India that has caused acute shortage of crucial supplies such as oxygen and experimental drugs like Remdesivir and Tocilizumab. The protocol has recommended the off-label use of Tocilizumab in case of severe diseases, preferably within 24 to 48 hours of the onset of the disease or ICU admission.

As per the guidance note, upper respiratory tract symptoms or fever without shortness of breath or hypoxia has been categorised as "mild disease" and people have been advised home isolation and care.

The guidelines advise physical distancing, indoor mask use, strict hand hygiene, symptomatic management such as hydration, antipyretics, antitussive, multivitamins, staying in contact with treating physicians, monitoring temperature and oxygen saturation for such patients. They should seek immediate medical attention if they develop difficulty in breathing, high fever or severe cough, particularly if lasting for five days, the revised protocol says. However, a low threshold has to be kept for those with any of the high-risk features such as 60 years of age, having cardiovascular disease, hypertension, chronic lung, kidney, liver disease or cerebrovascular disease.

Antiviral drug approved

Ahmedabad-based Zydys cadila announced that it has received restricted emergency use approval from the from the apex drug regulator to use antiviral drug Virafin for the treatment of moderate infection. A single dose subcutaneous regimen of the antiviral drug will make treatment of the disease more convenient, the company claimed.

5 die as MP hospital runs out of oxygen

Bhopal: Five coronavirus patients admitted to the ICU of a private hospital in Jabalpur died allegedly after its oxygen supply ran out, prompting the authorities to order a probe. The incident which took place on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday at Galaxy Hospital came amid a grave medical oxygen shortage crisis in many parts of the country. Pravin Pandey, the relative of one of the deceased patients, alleged that all five deaths happened due to shortage of oxygen at around 3 am. "Hospital sources only told us that the patients died due to oxygen shortage," he said. Health department sources said a probe has been ordered into the incident.

Requested PM for regular supply of allocated quota of oxygen, essential medicines & vaccine, proper system of vaccine allocation from May 1
Amarinder Singh, Punjab CM

States should be allocated remdesivir medicine on the basis of active cases. Rajasthan was allocated only 26,500 injections on April 21
Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan CM

The corporate sector should also be given permission to purchase vaccines under their Corporate Social Responsibility obligation
Uddhav Thackeray, Maha CM

31,47,782
DOSES GIVEN ON DAY 97 OF VACCINATION DRIVE

Mutant variants driving rise in high-burden states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EXPERTS engaged in genome analysis say that one of the reasons behind the surge in the Covid-19 cases could be increasing mutant variants in many cities, especially in high-burden states.

On the strains, such as the double and triple mutant detected in India, they said all are the same variant of the virus, and the available vaccines are effective on them. National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBG) director Soumitra Das on Friday said double mutant and triple mutant terms are colloquial and both refer to the same variant — B.1.617. "In fact, these variants harbour 15 lineage defining mutations. B.1.617, initially termed double mutant, has three new spike protein mutations. Double and triple mutants are one and the same. Double and triple mutants are over-lapping terms and have been used differentially in a different context," he said. The NIBG in Kalyani is one of the 10 laboratories across the country involved in the genome sequencing of the coronavirus. Director of National Centre for Disease Control Sujeet Kumar Singh said the second wave could be partly because of the increasing prevalence of mutant variants in cities, especially in Delhi Maharashtra and Punjab.

"There are scenarios which we are observing. In Punjab, we found that the UK variant was the primary variant. In Maharashtra, B.1.617 (double mutant) variant in proportions over 50 per cent in many cities," Singh said. "The scenario is still unfolding but we have seen a rise from 28 per cent of samples having the UK variant in the second week of March to 50 per cent in the last week of March. If we try to correlate the surge in Delhi, I think it directly correlates with the type of variant which we are observing," he added.

Defence min to import O_2 plants from Germany

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN an important move towards meeting the rising demand for the life-saving gas, the Government of India has decided to import oxygen generation plants from Germany.

Announcing the decision, Bharat Bhushan Babu, spokesperson of the Ministry of Defence, said: "Amid reports of shortage of oxygen in the hospitals during the second wave of Covid-19 across the country, the Armed Forces Medical Services has decided to import oxygen generation plants and containers from Germany to cater to the shortage."

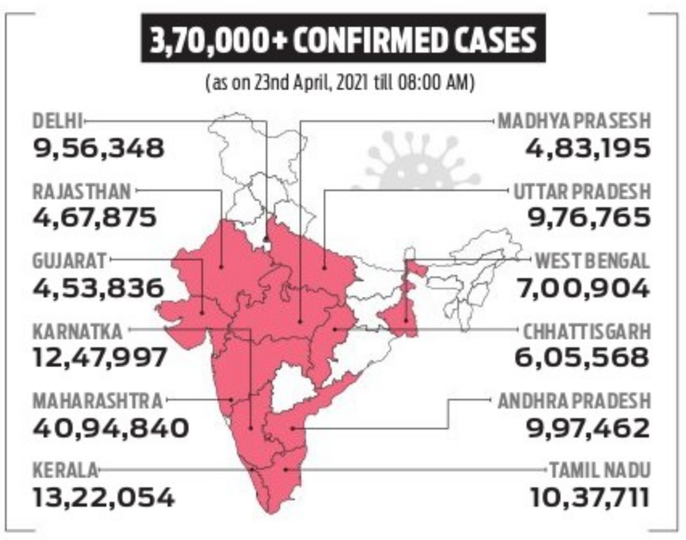
According to Babu, this will solve the problem to a major extent. "Each plant has a capacity to produce 40 litres of oxygen per minute and 2,400 litres an hour. At this rate it can cater to 20-25 patients round the clock. The advantage of these plants is they are easily portable. A total of 23 such plants are being imported ," he said.

These oxygen plants are expected within a week and will be deployed at AFMS hospitals to provide adequate oxygen to the patients. A large number of oxygen concentrators are also under procurement.

Considering the rising number of cases among the dependents of services personnel, veterans and also the serving personnel, this decision has been taken by the Armed Forces to convert Base Hospital Delhi Cantt into a 1000-bed COVID hospital. It should be activated in a week, said a source.

Pak NGO offers ambulances

New Delhi: Edhi Foundation, a renowned NGO in Pakistan, on Friday offered to send 50 ambulances to India to help New Delhi tackle the surge in coronavirus cases. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Faisal Edhi, the director of the NGO said as a neighbouring friend, Pakistan sympathises with India greatly. "We would like to extend our help in the form of fleet of 50 ambulances along with our services to assist you in addressing, and further circumventing, the current health conditions," Faisal Edhi said in the letter.



Institution will stay protected with objective criticism: Dave

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WHEN the bench told Dave it expected him to protect the institution, he retorted: "The institution will remain protected with objective criticism."

As for Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, he alleged that a maligning competition was going on in the media.

The court concluded the hearing abruptly, as it sensed the building up of a heated exchange between lawyers, and gave time to the Centre to file its reply on a national plan to deal with the health crisis.

It also asked states and Union territories to spell out their respective stand on supply of oxygen and essential drugs, method and manner of vaccination and lockdown.

Further, the bench accepted senior advocate Harish Salve's request not to be considered as amicus curiae in the case.

"It's the most sensitive case this court will look into. I don't want this case to be decided under a shadow that I knew the CJI from school and college days and allegations that there is a conflict of interest," Salve said. "I did not know our Bar is divided among industries we appear for. Please allow me to recuse with all humility."

Study shows rural Maharashtra suffering more in onslaught of second wave

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

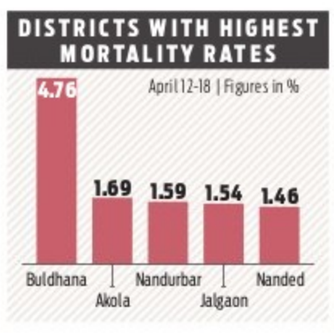
A weekly Maharashtra government report on the prevalence of Covid-19 has revealed that positivity and mortality rates are higher in the state's rural districts than in big cities such as Mumbai and Pune.

In Maharashtra, the highest weekly positivity rate of Covid-19 is in Osmanabad (39.25%) followed by Parbhani and Hingoli (36.78% and 36.70% respectively). Pune's positivity rate is 30.43% while Nagpur's positivity rate is 35.02%.

The average positivity rate of Maharashtra was 25.17% from April 11 to 17.

Most rural districts are included in the highest weekly positivity rates across the state. These include Jalna, Beed, Nandurbar, Nasik, Latur, Gondhia, Ahmednagar, Palghar, and Ratnagiri districts.

File picture of health workers screening temperature in a safety drive in Mumbai



The weekly report also revealed that the growth of Covid positive cases is more in the second wave than in the first wave. The first Covid wave in Mumbai saw 34,259 total active positive patients. In the second wave so far, the number stands at a staggering 85,221 -- 249% growth. In Jalna, this growth is 345%. Beed, Latur and Parbhani witnessed 347%, 398% and 798% growth respectively from the first wave.

"The cases suddenly started rising in the Vidarbha and Marathwada region and later spread across Maharashtra. No one had gauged the seriousness of the situation in the second wave. It caught everyone, including health experts, off guard. In April, it turned out to be a Covid tsunami," said a government official.

He said in February and March, people did not follow the Covid 19 norms and started attending weddings and other social and cultural functions in large numbers. "The virus spread rapidly in a short period and now we have a shortage of beds, Remdesivir doses and oxygen," said the official.

NCP minister Nawab Malik said for the last 10 days, the state's positive cases have hovered between 60,000 and 67,000 while in other states, there is a steep rise. "We are confident of the Covid curve flattening soon in Maharashtra. We hope by April-end, things will be much better with more vaccinations and better health infrastructure," he said.

WINTRY CHILL IN UKD

Wintry conditions returned to Uttarakhand on Friday as snowfall in the hills and rain in the lower areas led to a sharp fall in temperature at various places. Dehradun recorded a minimum temperature of 15.9 degrees Celsius

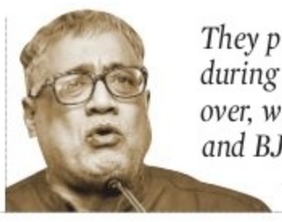
155 CARTONS OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR SEIZED IN AGRA

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	25	Mumbai	33	28
Bhopal	39	23	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	36	21	Patna	37	22
Amritsar	30	12	Lucknow	38	23
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	37	27	Imphal	17	32
Srinagar	19	6	Chandigarh	30	15

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

Bengal yearns for peace, security and development. Illegal immigration, syndicates and extortion are big hurdles in the path of West Bengal's development – Narendra Modi

People's income in this agriculture-based region (Kumarganj Constituency) is very low. Not a drop of development reached this region – Dilip Ghosh, BJP's West Bengal president



They promised free vaccines for all during Bihar elections. Election is over, what happened? 2 phases left and BJP says this. Don't believe BJP – Derek O'Brien, Trinamool Congress leader

Centre favouring BJP states in vaccination: Mamata

The TMC supremo also claimed discrimination in oxygen supply, saying cylinders meant for West Bengal diverted to BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday accused the Centre of favouring some states over the others when it comes to vaccine distribution. She also charged that New Delhi has diverted the supply of medical oxygen meant for West Bengal to the BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh.

"Gujarat has been given enough doses to vaccinate 60 per cent of its population. Other states are being allotted only enough doses to cover about 15 to 20 per cent of their population," she said while addressing the media. She said in Gujarat, vaccines are being administered to people in the BJP offices.

Attacking the Centre over oxygen supply, the Trinamool Congress supremo said, "SAIL (Steel Authority of India Ltd) used to supply oxygen to West Bengal. There was an instruction yesterday from the Centre that SAIL would now supply the same oxygen to Uttar Pradesh. Is West Bengal a beggar? When it comes to election, they come here with an aim to capture Bengal. When it comes to an oxygen supply, they are diverting it to other states".

All India Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee addresses a press conference with all candidates in a hotel at Durgapur in West Bardway | BIBHASH LODH

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Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal Chief Minister

The chief minister said the state government has procured 5,000 cylinders of oxygen and send them to Covid-19 hospitals.

She again blamed the Centre for India's present Covid situation. She charged that the Centre's mismanagement has driven the country to a crisis situation. Mamata also accused the BJP leaders of spreading Covid-19 in the state by bringing outsiders to attend election events.

She, once again attacked the Election Commission, over its refusal to club the last three phases of the Assembly election. "The Commission to listens to the BJP. They banned roadshows and imposed restrictions after the Prime Minister cancelled his four rallies on Thursday," she said.

On Friday, the campaign for the seventh phase of the West Bengal elections ended. Thirty-four assembly constituencies are scheduled to go to the polls on April 26. A total of 86,78,221 voters—44,44,634 male and 42,33,358 women and 229 from the third gender will exercise their franchise. The focus in this phase of polling will be on seats in the southern part of the city, mainly Bhabanipore which is the stronghold of the Trinamool Congress.

23%

of the 283 candidates contesting in the last phase of the West Bengal polls have criminal cases against them

55

candidates are crorepatis while 52 have declared their educational qualifications to be between class 5 and 12

Implement ECI curbs, says HC

The Calcutta High Court on Friday directed the competent authorities to make the people of West Bengal abide by the restrictions imposed by the Election Commission of India on public behaviour regarding protective protocol for Covid-19. "Any restrictive governance imposed by the Election Commission of India as regards public behaviour as regards the protective protocol in relation to Covid management shall be strictly followed by the people," a division bench noted

In his virtual rally, Modi seeks high voter turnout

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

AFTER cancelling his political rallies in West Bengal amid a surge in Covid-19 cases, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a virtual rally.

The prime minister said this will be his last address to the people of Bengal before they vote in the final two phases of the state's Assembly election.

He urged the people to turn out to vote as they did in the last six phases. "I could not come and seek your blessing because of the second wave of Covid-19," he said. "I cancelled my four meetings scheduled to be held in West Bengal today. Two phases are left in the ongoing Bengal Assembly elections. In previous phases, a large number of voters exercised their franchise which has glorified India's democracy. In coming phases, you vote like the previous phases," Modi said.

Modi addressed at least 15 public rallies in past one month in West Bengal.

Reiterating BJP's aim to build *Sonar Bangla*, Modi said, "After wresting power in Bengal, the BJP-led government will end the regime of extortion, cut corruption, which are the only barriers for the development of the state. There will be investments that create a huge number of job opportunities."

Exuding confidence about the BJP coming to power in the state, the PM said the new government will use technology to transform Kolkata. Referring to crimes against women, Modi said the BJP government will set up fast track courts across Bengal for providing speedy justice to women.

ULFA enquired about health of ONGC workers, abducted fittest of them

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE insurgent group United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) had enquired about the medical condition of a group of employees of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) before abducting three of them.

Junior technicians Mohini Mohan Gogoi, Ritul Saikia and junior engineering assistant Alakesh Saikia were abducted from an ONGC rig site in the Lakwa field of Assam's Sivasagar district on Wednesday.

According to sources from multiple security agencies, the five-member gang of the rebels had swooped down on the site at around 3 am on that day. There were eight employees, including an ambulance driver. An ambulance is usually stationed at every rig site to meet emergencies.

"Five militants had come armed with sophisticated weapons. They enquired about the health condition of the employees and abducted three of them after finding them to be the fittest among the lot," sources said, quoting the ambulance driver.

The reason behind abducting the three young and fit employees was that they had to be taken miles away to the jungles of Myanmar, where the ULFA operates from.

"It's a long route. To reach there, you have to walk as well as trek along a treacherous terrain for days together. That is precisely the reason why the three young and fit men were abducted," a defence source with a fair knowledge of the geography of the region told this newspaper.

The militants took the help of the ambulance and its driver during the abduction. After travelling for some distance, three of them got down along with the abductees. The three others continued to drive.

"After travelling for a while, the three got down. They then blindfolded the driver and asked him not to unmask for 30 minutes before leaving the site," sources said.

Later, the ambulance was found abandoned near the Nimonagarh jungles close to the Assam-Nagaland border. The police have arrested 14 people in connection with the incident. "Investigation is on," a senior official said.

EXPRESS READ

Navy starts process to lease 24 choppers

New Delhi: The Indian Navy on Friday started the process of taking 24 naval utility helicopters on lease by issuing a request for information (RFI) to foreign vendors. According to the RFI, the Navy plans to keep the helicopters with ground-support equipment for five years. "This lease will also include all maintenance support ashore, including performance-based logistics (PBL) and training of air crew and maintenance crew during the term of the lease," the Navy said in the RFI.

Stepping down with satisfaction, says Bobde

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India S A Bobde on his last working day on Friday said he will step down with satisfaction as he has done his best to lead the country's apex court.

"I leave with the satisfaction that I did my best," Bobde said. "I hand over the baton to Justice Ramana who will, I am sure, very ably lead the court," he added.

Senior lawyers bid farewell to Bobde. with Attorney General KK Venugopal lauding him for his stellar efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"In March 2020, the world was suffering from Covid-19. The Supreme Court also had to take a call, and the Bar thought the Court will close down. But then CJI Bobde rose to the occasion and started virtual hearing and almost 50,000 cases have been disposed of. It's a great achievement," AG Venugopal said. Venugopal also used the occasion to pitch for an increase in the tenure of the CJI to three years. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said, "SA Bobde will not only be known as an erudite and brilliant judge but also a loving and caring human. We will miss you. We wish you a healthy and successful life ahead."

Senior Advocate Vikas Singh said, "I have seen the fitness of your Lordships fitness in the tennis court. There needs to be a constitutional amendment so that the tenure of the judges can be increased. I am echoing sentiments of AG and SG that by innovating virtual mode have kept wheels of justice moving."

"While he was in the initial stage of Ayodhya hearing, he was of the firm view that the problem could be resolved through mediation. He asked me if Shah Rukh Khan can be a part of the committee. I asked and he was more than willing. Unfortunately, mediation did not work," Singh remembered.

BRO bridge brings relief to isolated village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

WORKING amid a raging pandemic, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has established a vital all-weather bridge connecting an isolated village on the borders of Punjab and Jammu.

The bridge has been a 70-year-old demand of the residents of the Sakol village.

"BRO provided yet another vital link between Punjab state and Jammu Union Territory by constructing a 160 feet long double deck bailey bridge over Tarnah River on Chadwal-Sanjimore-Hariyachak-Paharpur-Simbal stretch," the Army in Press Release on Friday said.

As per the Army, earlier the entire region across the River used to get cut-off amid flooding. People had to either use a ferry or pontoon bridge established by BRO.

Every year, a pontoon bridge was required to be launched for crossing the river and de-launched after receding of water level post monsoon. Now this bridge will provide all -weather connectivity between both the regions.

Army sources said, the bridge will provide the much-needed lifeline to the people of Sakol village, who had to go through a lot of hardship in crossing the dreaded river during the monsoon.

"It was indeed a historic and watershed moment for the villagers and for this region. Their 70-year-old demand for the construction of a bridge has finally been fulfilled," the Army said. BRO personnel worked relentlessly round the clock and finished the construction in five days, the Army said. It was a very challenging task, officials said.

POWER STRUGGLE

Sidhu attacks Punjab CM over sacrilege case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chandigarh

PUNJAB Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu on Friday accused the state's Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh of evading responsibility in the sacrilege case. The cricketer-turned-politician asked Amarinder, who is also the state's home minister, whether the case is not the top priority for him.

"Is Sacrilege case not the top priority for the Home Minister? Evading of responsibility & making only the Advocate General (AG) a scapegoat means Executive Authority has No supervisory control. Who controls the AG? Legal Team is just a pawn in this game of shifting responsibilities," Sidhu tweeted.

Of late, Sidhu has been repeatedly raised the sacrilege case and called for justice.

The case refers to the 2015 desecration of Guru Granth Sahib (holy book of Sikhs) and the subsequent police firing against those protesting the desecration in which two people were killed.

Sidhu had on Wednesday said the delay in justice, in this case, is the "failure of one person who is hand-in-gloves with the culprit" without naming anybody.

Since 2019, differences between Amarinder and Sidhu have played out in the open after Sidhu's portfolio was changed in a cabinet reshuffle. Soon afterward he had resigned.

Friday's comments by Sidhu come a month after he and Amarinder met to discuss the possibility of re-inducting him into the state cabinet.

Another glacier break, avalanche in Uttarakhand's upper reaches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Dehradun

OFFICIALS were trying to estimate the scale of damage on Friday night after reports of an avalanche in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, near India's border with Tibet.

The incident was reported from an area near Malari village. "We have unconfirmed reports of glacier break. Officials from the Border Road Organisation and others have left for the spot to take stock of the situation. We cannot say anything until we get credible information," Swati Bhadauria, district magistrate of Chamoli said.

Sources said no contact has so far been established with the area due to heavy snowfall.

The higher reaches of Uttarakhand's hilly areas, including the Niti Valley, receive about 4-5 feet of snowfall during this time of the year.

BRO officials said roads are blocked by the snowfall, which may delay their journey to the spot. The area is sparsely populated but is regularly patrolled by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Indian Army.

Friday's reports come two months after a glacier break in Raini village of the Chamoli district led to a loss of 79 lives and caused damages to two power plants.

Sarus crane spotted in Valmiki Tiger Reserve

A large Sarus crane was recently spotted loitering in Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserves (VTR), among the more than 250 bird species living there. According to the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature, the Sarus crane is the tallest flying bird in the world at 152-156 cm height. It has a wingspan of about 240 cm. They are threatened by habitat loss and degradation due to draining the wetland and conversion of land for agriculture Ever since the VTR was developed into an important Bird Area (BA) by the Indian Bird Conservation, it has become home to hundreds of bird species. Sarus crane is considered to be a stressed bird. Its population has seen a decline in India.

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PATNA DIARY

Over 750 healthcare professionals infected

Amid a surge in Covid cases across the country, more than 750 healthcare professionals working in both public and private hospitals have tested positive. According to AIIMS officials, 384 doctors and paramedical staff there have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 10 days alone. In the Patna Medical College and Hospital, more than 70 doctors and 55 paramedics have reported testing positive. In Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, 50 doctors and 68 paramedical staff have contracted the infection. A number of doctors and paramedics in Nalanda Medical College and Hospital have also tested positive, so have healthcare workers in dozens of others hospitals across the state. As a result, there has been a panic among those in the medical field.

NGO bats for social security for sanitary workers

Amid an unprecedented rise in Covid-19 cases, Nidan, an NGO working for the rights of sanitary workers of Patna, has demanded from the chief minister, the district magistrate and the Patna Municipal commissioner that over 50,000 ragpickers in the city be provided livelihood security and other support. Apart from food grains, the government has also been asked to ensure that all of them are vaccinated. Nidan has gifted safety kits to many of the sanitary workers.

Vegetables to be delivered at doorstep

Amid a surge in Covid cases, the Bihar state vegetable processing and marketing cooperative federation limited is set to launch a website where people can order groceries to be delivered to their doorstep in Patna. The aim is to discourage people from venturing out of their homes. The website will soon be operational, sources said. Sanjay Kumar, spokesperson of the department, said software works is in progress and the website will be launched very soon. Bihar recorded 12,672 more Covid cases on Friday, taking the tally to 3,78,442, health the state's department said in a press release.

Biden's first overseas trip in office to UK

Washington: President Joe Biden will embark on his first overseas trip in office in June. Biden will attend the Group of Seven summit in Cornwall, England, set for June 11-13, followed by a visit to Brussels.

Terror probe launched into officer's killing

Paris: French prosecutors opened a terrorism probe into the fatal stabbing of a French police official inside her station near the historic Rambouillet chateau outside Paris on Friday. Police killed the attacker at the scene.

130 migrants feared dead off Libyan coast

Rubber boat carrying Europe-bound people reportedly capsizes; no survivors traced

CAIRO

MORE than 100 Europe-bound migrants are feared dead in a shipwreck off Libya, independent rescue groups said, in the latest loss of life as attempts to cross the Mediterranean increase during the warmer months.

Humanitarian organisations have accused the Libyan coast guard and European authorities of failing to meet their responsibilities to save lives.

A Libyan coast guard official told The Associated Press that they searched for the boat but could not find it with their limited resources.

SOS Mediterranee, which operates the rescue vessel Ocean Viking, said late on Thursday that the capsized rubber boat, which was initially carrying around 130 people, was spotted in the Mediterranean Sea northeast of the Libyan capital, Tripoli.

The aid vessel did not find any survivors, but could see at least 10 bodies near the wreck.

'We think of the lives that have been lost and of the families who might never have certainty as to what happened to their loved ones,' it said in a statement.

The migrant traffic has raised the question among European Union countries and Libya over who is responsible for saving those at sea.

The European humanitarian organisation said those missing will likely join the 350 people who have drowned in the sea so far this year. It accused governments of failing to provide search and rescue operations.

In the years since the 2011 NATO-backed uprising that ousted and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, war-torn Libya has emerged as the dominant transit point for migrants fleeing war and poverty in Africa and the Middle East.

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Smugglers often pack desperate families into ill-equipped rubber boats that stall and founder along the perilous Central Mediterranean route.

"These are the human consequences of policies which fail to uphold international law and the most basic of humanitarian imperatives," tweeted Eugenio Ambrosi, Chief of Staff for the International Organisation for Migration.

Alarm Phone, a crisis hotline for migrants in distress in the Mediterranean, said it had been in contact with the boat in distress for nearly 10 hours before it capsized.

Alarm Phone said in a statement that it had notified European and Libyan authorities of the GPS position of the boat but only non-state rescue groups actively searched for it. *AP*

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket with the Crew Dragon space capsule lifts off from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on Friday | AFP

This is the first time SpaceX has reused a capsule and rocket to launch astronauts for NASA. The rocket was used in November on the firm's second astronaut flight

It is the third time SpaceX is sending humans to the ISS as part of its multi-billion dollar contract with NASA under the Commercial Crew Program

SpaceX launches third crew to ISS on recycled rocket

SpaceX launched its third crew to the International Space Station (ISS) an hour before sunrise on Friday, recycling a rocket and spacecraft for the first time

The Crew-2 mission, which includes the first European — Thomas Pesquet of France — blasted off from pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida

The four astronauts from the US, Japan and France are slated to reach ISS early Saturday morning, following a 23-hour ride in the Crew Dragon capsule — Endeavour — used by SpaceX's debut crew last May

The astronauts will spend six months at the orbiting lab

The Crew-2 team has around 100 experiments in the diary during their mission, including research into 'tissue chips' (small models of human organs that are made up of different types of cells). In terms of the environment, the mission will capture around 1.5 million images of the Earth, documenting phenomena like artificial lighting at night, algal blooms, and the breakup of Antarctic ice shelves.

AP/AFP

CLIMATE SUMMIT ENDS

World leaders promise to break free of fossil fuels

WASHINGTON

WORLD leaders joined President Joe Biden on Friday to close his virtual climate summit with stories of their own national drives to break free of climate-wrecking fossil fuels, Kenyans leapfrogging from kerosene stoves to geothermal power and Israeli start-ups scrambling to improve battery storage.

"We are gonna do this together," Biden exhorted, speaking live to a Zoom-style screen of leaders of national governments, unions and business executives around the world.

Biden's closing message echoed the sentiments of Kenyan President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, who told the summit: "We cannot win this fight against climate change unless we go globally to fight it together."

The second and final day of Biden's summit of 40 world leaders made the case for massive investment now "in the US and around the world" for prosperous as well as cleaner economies in the long run.

Compared with the United States and other wealthy but carbon-dependent nations, Kenya stands out as a poorer nation closing the technology gap despite limited financial resources. It has moved in decades from dirty-burning coal, kerosene and wood fires to become a leading user and producer of geothermal energy, wind and solar power, all aided by mobile-phone banking.

The summit's opening on Thursday saw a nations pledge specific, significant new efforts to cut emissions. Other summit speakers, including Chinese President Xi Jinping, whose country is the world's top climate polluter, held out the possibility of deepening their commitments, in China's case by easing back on building of coal-fired plants. *AP*

'Looking forward to working with Modi'

Washington: US President Joe Biden on Friday said that he is looking forward to working with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a new partnership to achieve climate and energy goals, making this a core pillar of bilateral cooperation.

Dozens arrested in night of chaos in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI police say 44 people were arrested and 20 officers were wounded in a night of chaos in Jerusalem, where security forces separately clashed with Palestinians angry about Ramadan restrictions and Jewish extremists who held an anti-Arab march nearby.

Tensions have spiked in recent days in Jerusalem, which has long been a flashpoint in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and is home to holy sites sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Residents braced for possible further unrest as police stepped up security and the US Embassy appealed for calm.

There were concerns the violence could reignite following Friday prayers at a major holy site in Jerusalem, but thousands of worshippers dispersed peacefully after Muslim religious leaders called for restraint.

Palestinians have clashed with Israeli police on a nightly basis since the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The tensions began when police placed barricades outside the Old City's Damascus Gate, where Muslims traditionally gather to enjoy the evening after the daytime fast.

Late Thursday, hundreds of Palestinians hurled stones and bottles at police, who fired a water cannon and stun grenades to disperse them. Dozens of Palestinians were wounded in the melee.

Israeli police detain a youth as members of 'Lahava', a far-right Jewish group, try to approach Damascus Gate to protest amid heightened tensions, outside Jerusalem's Old City, on Thursday | AP/PTI

Meanwhile, a far-right Jewish group known as 'Lahava' led a march of hundreds of protesters chanting 'Arabs get out!' towards the Damascus Gate.

The show of force came in response to videos circulated on TikTok showing Palestinians slapping religious Jews at random. Other videos made in response to them appear to show Jews assaulting Arabs.

Police used metal barricades to halt the far-right protesters a few hundred metres from Damascus Gate.

Later, they used water cannon, stun grenades and mounted police to push them back toward mostly Jewish west Jerusalem.

Videos circulated online showed smaller clashes and fires elsewhere in the city. One video showed what appeared to be a group of Palestinians beating an ultra-Orthodox Jew near Damascus Gate. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

'Follow Covid norms or face another lockdown'

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday urged the people of Pakistan to strictly follow the Covid-19 guidelines, warning that another nationwide lockdown will be imposed if the spiralling coronavirus crisis continues to worsen. Addressing the nation after chairing a meeting of the National Coordination Committee, the highest national forum to tackle the pandemic, Khan said the Army has been asked to help police to implement the social-distancing guidelines in the country to contain the spread of coronavirus. "I am appealing to you to follow SoPs so that we don't have to take steps that India is taking which means imposing lockdowns," he said, adding that half the problem will be solved if people started wearing face masks. Khan warned that major cities would be closed down if the situation continued to deteriorate.

NEPAL

Oli reconstitutes Standing Committee of CPN-UML

Nepal Prime Minister and chairman of the ruling CPN-UML K P Sharma Oli on Friday reconstituted the Standing Committee, the highest decision-making body of party, excluding leaders close to his rivals Madhav Kumar Nepal and Jhalanath Khanal, further widening the intra-party rift. The decision to reconstitute the party's highest body comes a day after Oli held a meeting with senior leader Nepal on Thursday. While forming the Standing Committee, Oli included leaders who sided with him when the intra-party rift had reached the climax in erstwhile Nepal Communist Party.

MYANMAR

ASEAN summit to address post-coup crisis

When the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) holds a special summit on Saturday to discuss Myanmar, the regional body will be under as much scrutiny as the general who led the February coup ousting the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. Opponents of the junta are furious that ASEAN is welcoming its chief, Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing, to its meeting in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, arguing that because he seized power by force, he is not Myanmar's legitimate leader. Also weighing heavily against him is the violence perpetrated by the security forces he commands. "Min Aung Hlaing should not be welcomed at an inter-governmental gathering to address a crisis he created," said Brad Adams, Asia director for NY-based Human Rights Watch.

Frantic search for missing sub as O_2 supply dwindles

JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S navy scoured the waters off Bali on Friday, bolstered by the arrival of a sonar-equipped Australian warship with a helicopter, in an increasingly frantic search for a missing submarine with only hours left in its oxygen supply for its 53 crew members.

The KRI Nanggala 402 went missing after its last reported dive Wednesday off the resort island, and concern is mounting it may have sunk too deep to reach or recover in time. The navy chief said the submarine was expected to run out of oxygen early Saturday morning.

"We will maximise the effort today, until the time limit tomorrow at 3am," military spokesperson Maj. Gen Achmad Riad told reporters.

There have been no signs of life from the submarine, but family members held out hope that the massive search effort would find the vessel in time.

"The family is in a good condition and keeps praying," said Ratih Wardhani, the sister of 49-year-old crewman Wisnu Subiyantoro. 'We are optimistic that the Nanggala can be rescued with all the crew." Twenty-four Indonesian ships and a patrol plane were mobilised for the search Friday, focusing on the area where an oil slick was found after the submarine disappeared during an exercise. *AP*

A National Search and Rescue Agency rescue ship sails to join the search for the missing submarine, KRI Nanggala, off Banyuwangi, Indonesia, on Friday | AP/PTI

ALEXEI NAVALNY ENDS PRISON HUNGER STRIKE ON 24TH DAY

MOSCOW

IMPRISONED opposition leader Alexei Navalny says he is ending his hunger strike after getting medical attention and being warned by his doctors that continuing it would put his life at risk.

In an Instagram post on Friday afternoon— the 24th day of his hunger strike—Navalny said he will continue to demand a visit from his doctor to address a loss of sensation in his legs and arms, the main demand the politician announced when launched his hunger strike.

But he said he would stop the strike after having been examined by non-prison doctors, something he called "a huge progress". "Thanks to the huge support of good people across the country and around the world, we have made huge progress," Navalny said in his message. "Two months ago, my requests for medical help were prompting smirks. I wasn't given any medications....Thanks to you, now I have been examined by a concilium of civilian doctors twice." Navalny said he would start "coming out of the hunger strike" on Friday and the process of ending it will take 24 days.

The 44-year-old politician, who was arrested earlier this year and is serving a two-year sentence, began the hunger strike on March 31 to protest prison authorities' refusal to let his doctors visit after he developed severe back pain and numbness in his legs. *AP*

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C-149 **WATCO No. 4445 Date:22.04.2021**

1.	Name of the work	:- Shifting of existing water supply line, sewer line fouling with proposed expansion for SCB Medical college and hospital water for additional water demand for proposed development in Phase-1 & Phase-2.
2.	Estimated cost	:- Rs.377.00 Lakh (Approx.)
3.	Period of completion	:- 06 (Six) Months.
4.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	:- From 11.00 AM of Dt.01.05.2021 to 5.00 PM of 17.05.2021
5.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	:- 5.00 PM of 17.05.2021
6.	Date & time of opening of technical bids	:-12.30 PM of 18.05.2021
7.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:- Managing Director, WATCO, Telefax:- 0674-2391444. E-Mail: mail@watcoodisha.in, md@watcoodisha.in
8.	The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only.	

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- (Managing Director)
WATCO

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, KEONJHAR (R&B) CIRCLE, KEONJHAR.

No. 1566 / Date. 19.04.2021

B-43 **ORDER**

The tender for the following works:-

1. "Construction of 30 beded Mother-Child Hospital complex at Ghatagaon C.H.C under OMBADC (NHM) in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2020-21".
2. "Construction of CHC Building at Patna CHC under Patna Block under NHM (PIP) for the year 2020-21".
3. "Construction of OPD Building (G+1) at Koida CHC under OMBADC fund in the District of Sundargarh for 2020-21".
4. "Construction work of Vote counting hall at EVM & VVPAT Storage Godown Complex of Sundargarh". Invited vide Bid Identification No. S.E.K.C. Keonjhar No. 23/2020-21 is hereby cancelled due to Administrative reason.

Sd/- A.N. Das, Superintending Engineer
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar

OIPR - 34033/11/0002/2122

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, ANOOP KUMAR GUPTA S/o Mohinder Kumar Gupta, Grandson of Shriram Luhariwala aged 49 years Residing at No. 32, 33 Ground floor, Subhashchandrabose Road, Bendrenagar, Banashankari, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070, have changed my name as **ANOOP GARG** vide affidavit dated 22.04.2021, sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF DOB

I, SERVICE NO JC-312360F SUB K.Kanagarasu, Unit:310 FD Coy, 201 ENGR REGT, C/o 56 APO, PIN:914201, have changed my Wife **K.SUBBULAKSHMI** DOB from **15/04/1975** to **17/04/1977** vide affidavit Dated 20/04/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SARTAJ SINGH,** S/o Dalbir Singh, R/o #G-04, Elegant Davis, 11 Davis Road, Near Holy Ghost Church, Richards Town, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my name to **SARTAJ SINGH WARIAH**, vide affidavit dated 23-04-2021, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N. ADARSH NARAYAN,** No. 212, 6th Cross, Defence Colony, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that my both names i.e., **ADARSH N ARAYAN** and **N. ADARSH NARAYAN** belongs to me only, now I have changed my name to **N. ADARSH NARAYAN,** vide affidavit dated 23.04.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. NANJAIAH, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nivedh Nair, S/o Ms. Sreejala Sreedharan, aged about 24 years, residing at No. 10, 2nd Main, 9th Cross, Ashirvad Colony, Near Devamatha Central School, Horamavu, Bengaluru – 560043, hereby solemnly declare and affirm that I have changed my name from **Nivedh G Krishnan to NIVEDH NAIR,** vide affidavit dated **24.03.2021** sworn before Public Notary, H K Gopalagowda, Bengaluru North.
Place : Bangalore
Date : 24.03.2021

AFFIDAVIT

I, Smt. KURUVELLA SANTHOSH VANI, W/o. Thokachichu Laxman Raju, aged about 40 years, R/at # 2/B, Radiant Park, 10th Main, 11th Cross, Hennur, Maruthi Layout, 4th Block, Hennur Gardens, opp. HMR International School, Bangalore-560043 have declared that Thokachichu Chaitra is my biological daughter and I am her biological mother Vide affidavit dated 23-04-2021 sworn before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar Bangalore

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BUSINESS

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
202.22 ▼	Sensex	47,878.45	₹33 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,781	₹418 ▲	Per kg	₹69,152	▼	Dollar	75.01
64.80 ▼	Nifty	14,341.35	₹33 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,762	₹0.4 ▲	Per gm	₹69.15	▼	Euro	90.46

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RUPEE UNDER PRESSURE AS COVID HITS HARD

The rupee ended at 75.01 per USD, down 0.9% for the week and 2.6% for the month

₹75.01
Value of one US Dollar

> In the near-term, the rupee is likely to remain under pressure on rising Covid-19 cases and lockdowns weighing on sentiments along with foreign fund outflows from local equities
>
> Dilip Parmar, HDFC Securities

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

THE Indian rupee is back in the spotlight. On Friday, it continued to depreciate against the US dollar amidst the surge in coronavirus infections, which is sparking uncertainty on economic recovery and prompting foreign equity outflows.

The rupee ended Friday's session at 75.01, compared to 74.95 in the previous one. It has fallen 0.9 per cent for the week and 2.6 per cent against the dollar so far this month, emerging as one of the worst performers this month. There is an added fear of downgrades from rating agencies due to the rise in Covid-19 cases which has also weighed on sentiments. However, likely dollar sales by the RBI, along with other factors capped large-scale losses in the domestic unit, noted Sriram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst, Reliance Securities.

The day saw Asian equities and currencies rise, while the dollar index was down during afternoon trade and capped the weakness of the local unit. In the overseas markets, the dollar index was trading weaker weighed down by the stronger euro, which moved higher after ECB President Christine Lagarde squashed speculation that policymakers may start to consider a tapering of bond purchases. Importantly, in India, the second wave of the pandemic is keeping market risk sentiment light and the USDINR spot float. "So, the USDINR bulls will continue to be on driver's seat, but we will only have to look for RBI intervention. We expect a broader USD/INR range to be 74.50-75.70," said Rahul Gupta, Head of Research-Currency, Emkay Global Financial Services.

Analysts say that in the next week, and the weeks to follow, focus will be on Fed policy, which is expected to reiterate its dovish tone help the dollar stay subdued. Some factors that will likely yield influence on the rupee include rising inflation, volatility in key economic parameters, negative real interest rates, a potential slowdown in GDP growth, and earnings downgrades.

Clearly, the near term outlook for the rupee may be directly influenced by the RBI's moves on preventing any further depreciation against the greenback. In the past, the central bank has emphasised that its intervention was only to smooth volatility in the forex market and that it does not target any level on the currency. That said, it aggressively bought dollars last year as foreign investors flocked to India, but it remains unclear if it will step in to arrest the downslide.

RBI cracks the whip on AmEx, Diners Club

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has finally cracked the whip on global credit card and payments companies for flouting data localisation norms that require storing translation data only within India's national boundaries. The banking regulator on Friday barred American Express Banking Corp and Diners Club International from on-boarding new credit card customers in India from May 1. The order, however, will not impact any existing customers.

"These entities have been found non-compliant with the directions on Storage of Payment System Data," RBI said in a statement. With 15.59 lakh cards in circulation as of February, American Express has the highest number of credit card customers among foreign banks in India after Citigroup Inc. Overall, it was the seventh largest credit card issuer in the country, according to RBI data, used for transactions worth ₹2,325 crore.

As far as Diners Club is concerned, it has been operating in India through a tie-up with HDFC Bank since 2011. The RBI current move coincides with the RBI also barring HDFC Bank to source new credit card customers as penalty for repeated digital outages.

All these put together could give a further leg-up to domestic issuers such as ICICI Bank, SBI Card, and Axis Bank. Meanwhile, two other major global players—Mastercard and Visa—could be next in line to attract the regulator's ire for missing the data localisation deadline, according to multiple sources. These firms have already sought a 12-month extension to meet these regulations.

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> Official statement, RBI

The RBI had introduced the data localisation norms in April 2018, with the system supposed to come into effect from October that year. "In order to ensure better monitoring, it is important to have unfettered supervisory access to data stored with these system providers," the RBI said in a later order. One of the reasons why global payments providers were not keen on data storage in India was because it would increase the cost of compliance.

"Centralised systems help keep costs low. But if they have to replicate the infrastructure in India, it will be costly," said a senior payments industry executive.

Reliance takes over iconic British hotel Stoke Park

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BRITAIN'S iconic Stoke Park hotel, where two James Bond movies were filmed, has been acquired by Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries. RIL's wholly owned subsidiary, Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Ltd (RIIHL), will buy Stoke Park, located in Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom for £57 million ($79 million or ₹590 crore).This is the second time that Ambani has acquired a legacy British brand since, in 2019, Reliance bought toy store chain Hamleys.

The fresh acquisition will add to Reliance Industries' consumer and hospitality assets as the group currently holds a stake in Oberoi hotels and is developing a convention centre, hotel, and managed residences located at the Bandra-Kurla Complex in Mumbai.

RIL's expansion into the hospitality segment comes after the oil and petrochemical giant disrupted India's telecom and retail industries. It also comes at a time when the global tourism and hospitality sector is reeling under a deep crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"RIIHL will look to enhance the sports and leisure facilities at this heritage site, while fully complying with the planning guidelines and local regulations," Reliance said in a statement.

Reliance's newly acquired legacy property has 49 luxury bedrooms and suites, a 27-hole championship golf course, 13 tennis courts, and 14 acres of private gardens. The property in one of the most convenient locations in Britain: 35 minutes from London and 7 miles from London Heathrow, the company statement said.

According to Stoke Park's official website, the estate has a recorded history of over 900 years and has been used as a private residence until 1908 when Nick "Pa" Lane Jackson purchased it and created Britain's first country club.

BUOYANCY

Tax revenue below potential by about 4% of GDP: NK Singh

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SPEAKING at a conference on sustainable finances and fiscal frameworks, India's 15th Finance Commission chairman NK Singh said on Friday that the country's tax revenue potential was currently lower by 4 per cent of GDP. The panel chairman added that the nation has to implement deep reforms in its revenue management system.

According to Singh, an incentive mechanism for states needs to be worked out to ensure that state-level policies are aligned to those of the central government.

Speaking at the CSEP-IMF event, Singh noted that there was a need to redo direct and indirect taxes, and bring about deep reforms. "At least 4 per cent of GDP is a lost potential in terms of India's revenue and if some part of it could be realised it would help greatly in aligning not only inevitable expenditure needs, pandemic needs, health needs, but find a convergence between sustainable development and medium-term fiscal policy statement...," he said.

Also speaking at the event, former RBI Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan pointed out that the tax potential lost, as described by the Finance Commission chairman was substantial: "That is a lot... that is about 25 per cent of the total taxes collected by the Centre and states".

The 15th Finance Commission report, tabled in Parliament in February, had also said that actual tax collections by the Centre during the last ten years, on average, was 4 per cent less than what was budgeted. "The gap between revised estimates and actuals is by no means negligible. This prediction error leads to ad hoc expenditure management," it had warned.

Ind-Ra, SBI latest to slash India's GDP growth forecast for FY22 as cases surge

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

10.4% estimated GDP growth in FY22 as per SBI Research

10.1% estimated GDP growth in FY22 as per Ind-Ra

TWO more agencies have downgraded India's growth forecasts for FY22 following the dramatic rise in Covid-19 cases over the past few weeks which has stoked concerns over India's economic recovery.

The economic research wing of State Bank of India has cut its real GDP growth forecast to 10.4 per cent from 11 per cent for the financial year ending in March 2022 (FY22). Similarly, India Ratings and Research now forecasts India's GDP growth rate to be 10.1 per cent as against 10.4 per cent earlier. Other global and domestic brokerages including Nomura, JP Morgan, UBS, Care Ratings, Citi Bank, and S&P Ratings have all revised their growth projections for India downwards. Recently, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had also flagged the rising Covid-19 cases as the biggest impediment to economic recovery.

According to SBI chief economic advisor Soumya Kanti Ghosh, faster vaccination is cheaper on the economy than a complete lockdown.

"The cost of inoculating half the populace of 13 major states would be approx. 0.1 per cent of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) or 15-20 per cent of states' health budget, presuming that the Centre would cover the cost of vaccination for the other half of this population," Ghosh said, adding that this is significantly lower than the economic loss in GDP due to a lockdown—already at 0.7 per cent of GDP.

It further estimated that the total monetary impact (total loss) of the current lockdown in various states is ₹1.5 lakh crore. Of this, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan account for 80 per cent.

"Maharashtra has put up a stringent lockdown. Being economically the biggest and most industrialised state in India, this lockdown will have a huge impact on growth. Currently, we estimate loss of around ₹82,000 crore for Maharashtra (which accounts for 54 per cent of the total loss) which will definitely increase if restrictions are further tightened," Ghosh said. With 15 of its districts under weekend lockdown, the economic impact on Madhya Pradesh is seen at ₹21,712 crore and that of Rajasthan, which is also under lockdown till May 3, is ₹17,237 crore.

HCL TECH'S Q4 NET PROFIT FALLS 25.6% SEQUENTIALLY

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IT services major HCL Tech recorded a sequential decline in net profit of 25.6 per cent, clocking ₹2,962 crore (a 6.1 per cent decline year-on-year). However, this figure excludes the impact of one-time bonuses paid to the employees during the quarter. The Noida-headquartered firm said on Friday that the total bonuses paid was ₹575 crore (after tax adjustments).

The company has also slumped to the fourth spot amongst the India's biggest IT services firms by market capitalisation, replaced by Wipro with a market capitalisation of ₹2.65 lakh crore on BSE whereas HCL Tech's m-cap stood at ₹2.62 lakh crore. India's other IT majors such as Infosys and TCS have posted a sequential rise in net profit margins.

For the fourth quarter, HCL Tech's revenue rose by 1.8 per cent an a q-o-q basis. The company said that it expects revenues to grow in double digits for FY22, whereas its Earnings Before Income Tax (EBIT) margin is expected to be between 19-22 per cent for the financial year. As for FY21, net profit rose by 17 per cent y-o-y at ₹13,011 crore while revenue stood at ₹75,379 crore (an increase of 6.7 per cent y-o-y).

> We won 19 large deals, many of them are very transformational in nature for clients and our pipeline is also at an all-time high, as we exit fiscal year 2020-21.—C Vijayakumar, president & CEO, HCL Tech

Despite the slump in net profit, HCL Tech said that the new deal value for the quarter was at an all-time high at $3.1 billion, an increase of 49 per cent y-o-y. The total contract value for FY21, meanwhile, was reported at $7.3 billion—an 18 per cent jump.

Shiv Nadar, chairman, HCL Technologies said that the ongoing pandemic has drastically changed the world. "As the global economy revives and all of us emerge from this crisis, I am sure that HCL will be even better prepared to meet future challenges," he said.

ASIANOMICS

TAIWAN

CHIP INDUSTRY SET FOR GROWTH

Taiwan's key semiconductor industry has years of growth ahead of it with no worries about oversupply despite a massive capital investment programme and only a few competitors in the next decade or so, according to Kung Ming-hsin, head of Taiwan's economic planning agency, the National Development Council. In an interview with Reuters, he said, between now and 2025, Taiwan companies have planned more than $107 billion in investment in the semiconductor sector, citing expansion plans from chip giants including TSMC and Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp. Taiwan's semiconductor companies are ramping up production to tackle a globlal chip shortage, which has affected everything from carmakers to consumer products. Soaring demand is set to continue, driven by 5G, artifical intelligence, and electric vehicles. Taiwan is currently in the grip of its worst drought in more than half a century, but Kung said that the impact on chip firms was limited, citing the amount of water they are able to recycle and the location of their main factories in Hsinchu in northern Taiwan.

PAKISTAN

FOREX RESERVES FALL $63 MILLION

The foreign exchange reserves held by the country's central bank fell 0.38 per cent on a weekly basis, according to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). On April 16, the foreign currency reserves held by the SBP were recorded at $16,043.9 million, down $63 million compared with $16,106.4 million in the previous week. The central bank attributed the fall to external debt repayment. Overall liquid foreign currency reserves held by the country, including net reserves held by banks other than the SBP, stood at $23,212.8 million. Net reserves held by banks amounted to $7,168.9 million. Pakistan also borrowed $2.5 billion through Eurobonds, in March 2021, by offering lucrative interest rates to lenders aimed at building its forex reserves. Pakistan recieved the first loan tranche of $991.4 million from the International Monetary Fund last July, which helped bolster its reserves.

INDONESIA

FISCAL DEFICIT AT 0.82% OF GDP

Indonesia ran a budget deficit of $9.93 billion as on March 31, 2021, or 0.82% of GDP, as tax revenues shrank while spending rose to support economic recovery, the finance ministry said. The total government spending increased by 15.6 per cent y-o-y to 52 trillion rupaiah, while total revenue rose by just 0.6 per cent amid a 5.6 per cent contraction in income from tax payments. According to the finance Ministry, the recovery trend was very convincing, with improving leading indicators in March and an expected acceleration of economic growth in Q2. The 2021 economic growth forecast was set at 4.5-5.3 per cent. In February, the government had increased its budget to control the coronavirus pandemic and help the economy recover to $49.60 billion. However, the fiscal deficit target for 2021 remains at 5.7 per cent of GDP despite the latest spending expansion plans. The ministry is also planning to lower its debt issuance this year.

EXPRESS READ

FInMin relaxes spending restrictions on capex

New Delhi: In a bid to boost an economy grappling with a fresh Covid-19 wave, the finance ministry has relaxed spending guidelines to enable ministries and departments to undertake capital expenditure totalling ₹44,000 crore envisaged in the budget for 2021-22, PTI reported. According to an office memorandum (OM) issued by the Finance Ministry on Thursday, the monthly/quarterly expenditure plan (MEP/QEP) ceilings and restrictions will not apply for expenditure under the capital heads under the budget. "Monthly Expenditure Plan (MEP) or Quarterly Expenditure Plan (QEP)... shall not be applicable for expenditure under the capital heads under the Budget," the ministry said in a statement.

IRDAI tells insurers to settle Covid claims quickly

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INSURANCE sector regulator IRDAI on Friday asked insurers to ensure the expeditious settlement of Covid-19 claims on a cashless basis. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) sent out the communique in the wake of reports that certain hospitals were insisting on cash payments from policyholders for the treatment of Covid-19.

In its communication, the regulator has also requested all the hospitals not to differentiate patients in terms of admission or treatment. IRDAI said that there were reports of certain network providers (hospitals) charging high rates and insisting on cash payments from policyholders despite having cashless arrangement with insurers. "In compliance with the provisions...the insurers, in case of 'cashless claim' under a health insurance policy, are advised to ensure expeditious settlement of such claims on cashless basis," the circular said.

PREMIUM FORAY

Xiaomi rolls out ₹1.2 lakh TV, flagship Mi 11 Ultra phones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Indian market's largest smartphone-seller Xiaomi introduced its flagship smartphone, the Mi 11 Ultra (5G), for the local market with a ₹69,999 price tag. At this price band, Mi's new offering will compete against the likes of the Apple iPhone and the Samsung Galaxy S series. The Chinese company also launched another premium segment product in a 75-inch smartTV—the QLED TV 75—at ₹1,19,999.

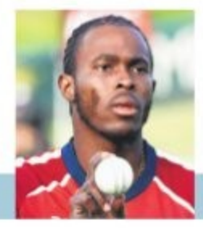
Mi's pricey TV offering features a 75-inch QLED 4K UHD panel with 3,840 x 2,160 resolution and a 178-degree viewing angle for wide visibility, according to the specifications The model also runs anAndroid 10 operating system and bundles Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and YouTube apps.

As for the newly launched flagship smartphone series, the company said in a statement that it features an "unconventional design philosophy, three pro-grade camera setup, one of the best displays possible in a smartphone, and legacy sound from Harman Kardon".

The Mi 11 Ultra has two displays: a 6.81-inch WQHD alongside a Samsung E4 AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate and Corning Gorilla Glass Victus. The smartphone is powered by a Qualcomm Snapdragon 888 processor and comes with 12GB of RAM and 256GB of storage. It packs a 5,000mAh battery with support for 67W fast charging, 67W wireless charging, and 10W reverse charging. Mi claims it takes about 36 mins to juice up the smartphone from 0 to 100 per cent charge.

The camera setup of Mi 11 Ultra, the statement went on to claim, was equivalent to a DSLR in the pocket. The phone is fitted with the world's first Triple Primary camera set up: with a 50MP + 48MP + 48MP resolution capacity. The 50MP GN2 custom sensor co-developed with Samsung's ISOCELL division is the largest sensor on a smartphone.

Archer ruled out of IPL, confirms ECB



Fast bowler Jofra Archer has officially withdrawn from the Indian Premier League but is on track to be fit for England's first Test of the summer, England cricket chiefs announced on Friday. Archer missed the start of Rajasthan Royals' campaign after undergoing surgery to remove fragments of glass from a finger.

Have learnt to attack at the right time: Vinesh

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

EVEN as the sports ministry and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) reiterate that Tokyo-bound athletes will be vaccinated, star wrestler Vinesh Phogat feels it will be better if the vaccination process starts sooner than later. Vinesh said she has been waiting for the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) or IOA to take a call in this regard.

"It will be good if we get vaccinated soon. It has side-effects like fever and body ache. Antibodies also develop after a few days of the second dose so I think the process should start soon. I am also waiting for it," the 26-year-old said in an interaction facilitated by the Sports Authority of India.

Vinesh might have clinched her maiden Asian gold last week but she is worried over her recovery period after the weight loss. "I first felt it in 2019 and started feeling it again this year. My blood pressure gets low suddenly and everything gets blurry. If that happens during bout then I cannot give my best. I felt that most during the Asian Championships. I need to monitor it." Speaking on ways to overcome it, she said: "Planning my diet accordingly can help me overcome the issue."

The numero uno woman wrestler in the 53kg said her foreign coach Woller Akos helped her in ironing out flaws since their association began in 2018. "I was very attacking and used to commit a lot of mistakes. However, now I have learnt to attack at the right time. I have also started watching bouts of my opponents and prepare accordingly."

She will leave for a training camp in Bulgaria on Sunday and then compete in the Poland Ranking Series and international event in Bucharest, Romania scheduled in June.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

From giving up job trials to entering history books

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

NOT so long ago, youth boxer Poonam Poonia was caught between the devil and the deep sea. For someone who's just 18, she had to make one of the toughest choices in her life. Take a crack at a job opening or take a big gamble and go for Youth World Championships glory.

Coming from a humble background (her father is a farmer in a nondescript village in Haryana and her mother is a homemaker), a temptation to have a go at the job can't be discounted. She, however, as the boxing world now knows, opted for the latter. And she's gone on to etch her name in the history books, becoming one of seven women boxers to become a youth world champion in Kielce, Poland."I couldn't go to Montenegro and I was really downcast. After getting to know that trials are being held for the World Championships, I focussed on that and was determined to make the cut," Poonam, who outwitted Sthelyne Grosy of France in the 57-kg category final, recalled.

Poonam had missed the bus for Montenegro after losing in trials. Preeti had earned a spot instead, going on to fetch a bronze medal at the International Tournament Adriatic Pearl (Feb 16-22) in Budva. That setback had spurred her to fight back. But, that's when another opportunity arose. "However, the World Championships trials clashed with Railways trials. I had to go to Bilaspur for that. But I had to chose one. It was a tough call, but in the end, I opted for the World Championships trials, I have managed to win a gold medal. I'm a world champion."

What's more impressive is Poonam, who won a total of five bouts in Kielce, has never lost a fight at the international level. Bhaskar Bhatt, India women's youth coach, feels her dedication towards the sport is behind her incredible record. "She is focussed all the time. She does not think about anything else apart from the game."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Vax for Oly-bound athletes from May

ENS @Chennai

IF things go as per plan, Olympic-bound athletes are expected to get the first dose of the Covid vaccine as early as May 1, the day on which vaccination will be available to everyone above 18 years of age. With time running out – Tokyo Games is less than three months away, Olympic-bound athletes have been eager to get inoculated. An Indian Olympic Association (IOA) circular suggested athletes and support should get their vaccination on May 1.

However, the athletes will have no choice as the World Anti-Doping Agency has approved only Covishield as of now. According to a letter from the ministry dated April 23, "WADA has on the basis of available scientific and clinical studies data clarified that AstraZeneca vaccine known as Covishield in India doesn't raise any particular concern".

Narinder Batra, IOA president, in a letter to members and NSFs said that WADA has approved Covishield and has recommended athletes to take it on May 1. The IOA president has urged NSFs to send athletes abroad for training and competition after taking the first jab.

STANDING TALL AT THE TOP

Padikkal's focus on six-hitting stands him in good stead in the future

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

CONSISTENT. It is an apt word to describe Devdutt Padikkal's batting in the last couple of years. Let his numbers do the talking: 580 and 218 runs in the last two editions of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and 609 and 737 in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Throw in his 473 runs for Royal Challengers Bangalore last IPL season in the mix, the youngsters's engine looks well oiled for the long run.

On Thursday, the Bangalore opener, once again, made everyone sit up and take notice with his maiden IPL century (52-ball unbeaten 101) against Rajasthan Royals. Even Virat Kohli was made to look second best on the night. With players having been dubbed as one-season wonders in the past, Padikkal has made it clear that last season's tally was not a flash in the pan.

Ahead of this IPL edition, he tested positive for Covid-19 and after clearing the mandatory fitness tests, has carried his form. Last IPL in the UAE, one of Padikkal's issue was he struggled to make use of the good starts. Though he batted through most of the powerplay overs, he couldn't get as many boundaries in the middle overs. On Thursday, he hit four sixes and as many boundaries outside the powerplay against Rajasthan. The other notable improvement is his six-hitting ability. The left-hander, thanks to his height, has the ability to loft bowlers effortlessly by making use of his wing span. It allows him to play more aerial shots and his six sixes on the night is just two short of last season's tally.

That Padikkal has worked on areas that needed improvement is showing. "Since the last two seasons, I have just tried to keep everything simple, and not done anything different or special. I have tried to stick to my processes and tried to stay as consistent as possible. Thankfully, I have done that," said Padikkal. "Coming out of Covid definitely was a big challenge. I was glad that I could contribute from the second game. As long as I am contributing and the team is winning, that is all that matters."

The best thing about Padikkal, ever since his first-class debut, has been his sound technique, which has helped him score runs in all formats.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Punjab hand MI a thrashing

ENS @Chennai

KL RAHUL'S patient, unbeaten 60 at the top gave Punjab Kings their biggest ever win over Mumbai Indians while chasing on Friday. Set a target of 132, which was at least 20 short of par total, Punjab paced their innings to perfection to post a nine-wicket victory with 2.2 overs to spare. Chris Gayle remained unbeaten on 43.

For Mumbai,this was their second successive defeat at Chepauk, as their batting unit once again failed to fire on a challenging surface. Apart from Rohit Sharma who top-scored with 63, the others continued to struggle. Suryakumar Yadav got a start, but couldn't carry on as Mumbai Indians struggled to get momentum.

Brief scores: MI 131/6 in 20 ovs (Rohit 63, Bishnoi 2/21, Shami 2/21) lost to PBKS 132/1 in 17.4 ovs (Rahul 60 n.o, Gayle 43 n.o).

TODAY'S MATCH: Rajasthan vs Kolkata, LIVE ON star sports 1 @ 7.30 PM in mumbai

EXPRESS READ

Vardy strikes as Leicester bt West Brom

LEICESTER: Jamie Vardy ended his two-month goal drought as Leicester blitzed West Brom 3-0 on Thursday to strengthen their grip on a EPL top-four place and snuff out the Baggies' revival.

Atanu, Deepika make individual semis

NEW DELHI: Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari battled winds to storm into their respective semifinals of the recurve section as India continued to make giant strides in the World Cup Stage 1.

'It is ridiculous to plan anything now'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

DURING the India- Lativia play-off tie in Jurmala last week, one of the players from the Indian squad broke down. She was looking forward to going home after a taxing few months on tour but a phone call from home shattered her. One of her family members became unwell so that trip back home had to be pushed back.

Even as Ankita Raina recounts the incident to this daily, the mental challenges of a travelling athlete can't be understated. She herself lifts the veil on what it's been like the last four months. She has been to Australia, Mexico, the UAE and Latvia. It's given her highs like qualifying for her maiden Slams and being part of the squad that played in its first ever Billie Jean King Cup (formerly Fed Cup) play-off tie. But the constant Covid-19 related chatter on tour and the constant stream of WhatsApp messages from India has meant 'it definitely takes up space in your mind'.

"Everyone is talking about it in tournaments. WhatsApp messages is about so many cases this day... it definitely takes up space in your mind," she said. "You might accept it, might not accept it... you may not even realise it but it will certainly occupy some space." It's easy to understand Ankita's sentiments. Just last week, she had to change her schedule 'every other day' because of Covid-19. "Last week, I had to change my schedule every other day," she said. "You send your entry then the tournament gets cancelled or the country goes into lockdown. I feel it's ridiculous to plan anything right now. You have to be in the present. Only then you will be sane."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for Liasioning and Transportation of Steam Coal From Singareni Collieries Mines to Mandya Dairy on BRC Basis, Qty - 15000 MT. Tenderer can downloaded documents from **23-04-2021** to, Last date of submission of tender **03-05-2021** at 17.00 hrs, Prebid Meeting **28.04.2021** at 11.30 hrs, Date of opening of Technical tender **05-05-2021** after 11.30 hrs & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in / website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No:080-25501227/25501216,e-mail:**hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.**

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

ಆಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 03/2020–21/ ದಿನಾಂಕ:21–04–2021

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ, ಕೊಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಡೂರು ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ **(Standard Tender Document - KW 1 & 4** ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನುಸಾರ) ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಮ್ಯಾನುವಲ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು, ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 915.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1ರಿಂದ 3ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03–05–2021 ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–05–2021ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 4 ಹಾಗೂ 5ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–05–2021ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು **www.kpwd.gov.in.pwd website**ನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

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Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or **www.kmml.com**

Sl No	Tender ID	Items
1.	2021_KMML_421455_1	For the Transportation of Raw Ilmenite from IREL, Odisha

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NWKRTC/EE/BGM/DB(T)/65/2021-22 Date: 20/04/2021.

CORRIGENDUM

Ref:) NWKRTC/EE/BGM/AE/16,17,18 & 19/2021-22 Date: 06/04/2021.

N.W.K.R.T.C Civil Engineering Division has invited tenders for works under e-procurement Tender Notification No. 01 to 04/2021-22 Dated 06/04/2021. Following changes are to be noted.

• For works under Tender Notification 01 to 04, 01) Construction of Automated Driving Test Track for RTO office at Bagalkot. 02) Construction of Automated Driving Test Track for RTO office at Jamakhandi. 03) Construction of Automated Driving Test Track for RTO office at Chikodi (Navalihal Village). And 04) Construction of New Bus station with its sub works at Ankali. (Tq: Chikodi), the following revised Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender is to be noted.

•Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender is 13/05/2021 at 16:00 hrs.

•Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid is 15/05/2021 at 11:00 hrs.

The remaining conditions of the advertisement are same and unchanged.

For further details visit https:/ /www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for any "HELP" regarding uploading of Tender Documents, please call on help desk -+91-8046010000, +91-8022631200, +91-8068948777 of all working hours. Bidders can contact this office for further details in all working hours or Call 0831-2451475. Any changes in Tender Notification, Corrigendum/Addendum will be published in e-Procurement portal only, separate paper notification will not be issued.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
NWKRTC CE Division BELAGAVI.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-47/MCA/2021-22

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ನಂಗ್ರಾಕುನೀಮತ್ತುನೈವಿ/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ/ಟಿಜಿ–1,2&3/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2020–21/209 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22–04–2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್–ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ರವರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

(1) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ: ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: **(1) Indent No-32457 (Jagadal)-APT-134.67 call-2. (2) Indent No-32456 (mareguddi)-APT-107.64 call-2. (3) Indent No-32800 (mattikatti RC)-APT-12.81 call-2**

(2) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶಿರ್ಷಿಕೆ: ಜಲ ಜೀವನ ಮೀಷನ್–2020–21. (3) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ: 3 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ, (4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಮ್ ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ. (5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **03.05.2021 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30** ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ. (6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05.05.2021 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. (7) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07.07.2021 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. (8) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ.

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ:– (1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ದರವನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಮೊತ್ತದ DD/FDR ನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ಇವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದು ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಟೆಂಡರ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗಿಂತ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ 12% GST ಯನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ಆದೇಶ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,

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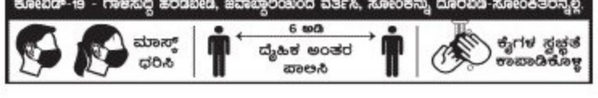

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INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER

(Through e-procurment portal)

FOR MODIFICATION OF BRAND NEW TATA YODHA VEHICLES OF KSPCB SECTION I: INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER FOR MODIFICATION OF BRAND NEW TATA YODHA VEHICLES OF KSPCB

1. The Member Secretary, KSPCB invites tenders from eligible tenderers for Modification of Brand New Tata Yodha Vehicles of KSPCB.
2. The tenderer must submit rates for all of the items given in Section V Schedule of requirement in the tender document. Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in section VII to qualify for award of contract.
3. Tender if required, the hard copy of document (and additional copies) may be purchased from the office of the Chief Finance Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, 1st Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru-560001 from: **25.04.2021 to 03.05.2021,**during office hours, for a non-refundable fee of **Rs.500/-** (Rupees Five Hundred Only), in the form of cash or Demand Draft/ Pay Order on any Nationalized/ Scheduled bank payable at Bengaluru in favor of Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru.
4. Tenders must be accompanied by earnest money deposit.
5. Tenders must drop the document in Tender Box kept in 1st Floor, Vehicle Section.
6. Other details can be seen in tender documents.

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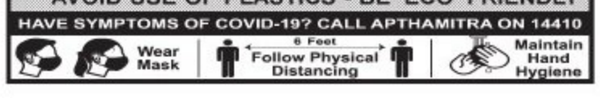

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No.SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-38/2020-21/127-29 Date: 21-04-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, invites bids from eligible bidders for the following works in Combined Pakcage in Kanakaprua TL&SS Division Vide **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/EPR-203/Call-3, Dated: 19.04.2021 on Total Turnkey Basis.**

1) Providing Intermediate Towers to get the vertical clearance of existing 66kV Kanakapura - Chikkenhahalli SC line (proposed 220/66kV MC-MV line to Kothipura S/S) between T.Nos: 60-62 near Anajavadi village using 220/66kV Narrow based towers with COYOTE ACSR conductor (Modified Design of 220kV MC Towers of VTP) in TL&SS Division Kanakapura. 2) Providing intermediate towers to get the vertical clearance of existing 66kV Kanakapura - Chikkenahalli- Channaptana SC line (proposed 220/66kV MC-MV line to Kothipura S/S) between T.Nos: 69-71 near Chikkenahalli village using 220/66kV Narrow based towers with COYOTE ACSR Conductor (Modified Design of 220kV MC Towers of VTP) in TL&SS Division Kanakapura. 3) Providing Intermediate Tower to get the vertical clearance of existing 66kV Kanakapura - Chikkenhahalli-Channapatana SC line (proposed 220/66kV MC-MV line to Kothipura S/S) between T.Nos: 75-77 near Avverahalli village using 220/66kV Narrow based tower with COYOTE ACSR conductor (Modified Design of 220kV MC Tower of VTP) in TL&SS Division Kanakapura. 4) Providing intermediate tower to get the vertical clearance of existing 66kV Kanakapura - Chikkenahalli-Channaptana SC line (proposed 220/66kV MC-MV line to Kothipura S/S) between T.Nos: 106-107 near Achhalu village using 220/66kV Narrow based tower with COYOTE ACSR Conductor (Modified Design of 220kV MC Tower of VTP) in TL&SS Division Kanakapura.

Amount put to tender: **Rs.1,12,77,943/-.** Earnest Money: **EMD Declaration. Last date and time for receipt of Bids for all the above mentioned works: 10.05.2021 at 16.30 Hrs.**

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurment-KPTCL" on or after 16.00 Hrs, 26.04.2021.** Other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele),**
Transmission (Maintenance), KPTCL, Ramanagara Circle, 220/66/11kV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, 1st Floor, Near RR Nagar Arch, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560039, Tele: 080-29620155

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)

No: EE/KNNL/UTP/DN/RNR/TND/Hosakatte samudaya call-3/PB-1/2021-22/114 Date: 21-04-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION/CALL-3

(Through e-procurement portal system)

Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, from eligible bidders who satisfies through GO e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** shall submit the bid in in **Single Electronic document system** for 1 Samudaya Bhavan construction costing Rs 49.82 Lakhs (with GST) and EMD amount Rs 0.5 Lakhs respectively under the Head of account 4701 for the year 2020-21.

Tender processing fee as per e-procurement portal system is non refundable. The electronic tender documents can be obtained through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and can be submitted through e-portal.

(1) The contractor can have access to e-tender documents from **23-04-2021 to 04-05-2021** up to **5.30 PM** **(2)** Last Date and time for tender queries before **03-05-2021** up to **5.30 PM.** **(3)** Last date of bid submission of completed e-tendering documents on **04-05-2021 up to 5.30** PM. **(4)** Technical bid will be opened on **05-05-2021 at 5.35** PM at office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected /Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the e-procurement portal.

For details visit our website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the undersigned in all working days during the office hours. Phone No. (08373) – 267071 Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling/rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons what so ever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.

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Oxford's malaria vaccine most effective ever made

First shot to surpass WHO target of 75% efficacy made by Covid jab researchers; Serum Institute of India to make 200 mn doses

MEDICINE

LONDON: A new malaria vaccine has proven 77 percent effective in trials on infants, British researchers said Friday, in what could prove to be a potential game-changer against the mosquito-borne disease.

In a clinical trial in Burkina Faso, the Matrix-M vaccine -- developed by the University of Oxford's Jenner Institute -- was found to be 77 percent effective after 450 infants inoculated in 2019 were followed up for a year, the Oxford researchers said in a statement. No serious adverse events were reported.

It is the first candidate vaccine for malaria to surpass a target set by the World Health Organization, for researchers to create a jab of 75% efficacy by 2030.

Professor Adrian Hill, head of the Jenner Institute – which developed the coronavirus vaccine now being distributed worldwide by Anglo-Swedish pharma giant AstraZeneca -- said the test results marked "a great day" in the global fight against malaria.

"We need to build on this, we need to keep all our ducks in a row, we need to avoid any safety signal, but I think the odds are now on our side, we can get this through," he told the PA news agency.

He pointed out that vaccines against Covid-19 were approved rapidly while the first trials for one against malaria date all the way back to the 1940s.

Malaria killed at least four times as many more people in Africa last year as Covid did," Hill said.

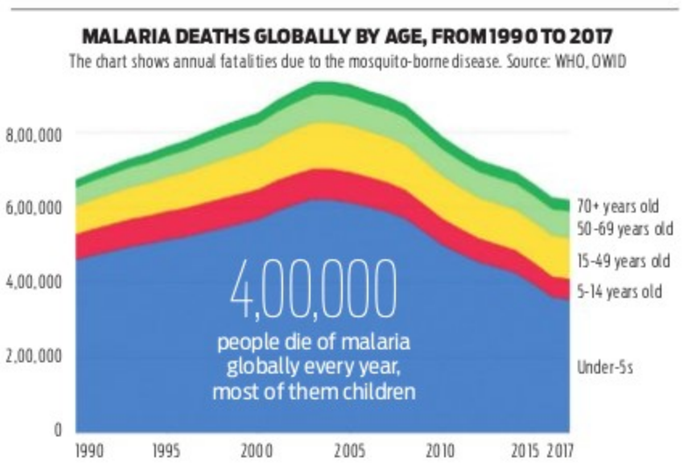
"And nobody for a moment questioned whether Covid should have an emergency use review and authorisation in Africa -- of course it did, very quickly.

"So why shouldn't a disease that firstly kills children rather than older people, certainly killed an awful lot more, be prioritised for emergency use authorisation in Africa?"

The Serum Institute has committed to make at least 200 million doses annually, and Hill said Matrix-M "has the potential to have major public health impact if licensure is achieved".

The vaccine was given in a randomised trial involving 450 babies and toddlers aged five months to 17 months. A control group received a rabies vaccine instead. The infants received a booster vaccine after a year.

A file picture of a municipal worker fogging a street in Chennai | EXPRESS



EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT
CHERNOBYL ZONE NOW A HAVEN FOR WILD ANIMALS
Thirty-five years after the world's worst nuclear disaster, surging flora and fauna have taken over deserted tower blocks, shops and official buildings topped with communist icons. One horse species in particular, which had become almost extinct, is thriving in this unlikely nature reserve: the Chernobyl exclusion zone. More endangered species will now be placed here to replenish their numbers
EXCLUSION ZONE
Pripyat
Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant
Chernobyl
UKRAINE
RUSSIA
AFRICA
24,000
Ukrainian authorities say the area maybe not be fit for humans for 24,000 years, but for now a breed of wild horse has thrived
1986
The explosion in the fourth reactor at the nuclear power plant in April, 26, 1986 left swathes of Ukraine and neighbouring Belarus badly contaminated and led to the creation of a no man's land within a 30-km radius of the station. Dozens of villages and towns were evacuated, turning the area into a giant reserve unprecedented in Europe by its size
Horses & wolves
Since the disaster, the area has become a haven for elk, wolves – and the stocky endangered breed of wild horse native to Asia, Przewalski's horse. The breed, named after Russian scientist Nikolai Przewalski who discovered it in the Asia expansive Gobi desert, became all but extinct by the middle of the 20th century, partially due to overhunting
HOW THE HORSES CAME THERE
It was reintroduced by scientists to areas of Mongolia, China and Russia as part of preservation efforts.
In a different programme, 30 of the horses were released into the Chernobyl zone in 1998, replacing an extinct horse native to the region
The experiment in Ukraine was soon halted but the horses remained and now number around 150 in parts of the exclusion zone, with around another 60 over the border in Belarus
"Paradoxically, this is a unique opportunity to preserve biodiversity," said Denys Vyshnevsky, head of the scientific department of the Chernobyl nature reserve created in the area five years ago

Coronavirus survivors face higher risk of illness: Study

RESEARCH

COVID-19 survivors -- including those not sick enough to be hospitalised -- have an increased risk of death in the six months following diagnosis with the virus, according to the largest comprehensive study of long COVID-19 to date.

The research in *Nature* reveals the massive burden this disease is likely to place on the world's population in the coming years, researchers said.

They confirmed that, despite being initially a respiratory virus, long Covid-19 can affect nearly every organ system in the body. Their study involved more than 87,000 Covid-19 patients and nearly five million control patients.

The researchers were able to calculate the potential scale of the problems first glimpsed from anecdotal accounts and smaller studies that hinted at the wide-ranging side effects of surviving Covid-19.

These side effects include breathing problems, irregular heart rhythms, mental health issues and hair loss, they said.

The researchers showed that, after surviving the initial infection --beyond the first 30 days of illness – Covid-19 survivors had an almost 60 per cent increased risk of death over the following six months compared to the general population.

The researchers noted that at the six-month mark, excess deaths among all Covid-19 survivors were estimated at eight people per 1,000 patients.

Among patients who were ill enough to be hospitalised and who survived beyond the first 30 days of illness, there were 29 excess deaths per 1,000 patients over the following six months.

First person to get Covid vaccine still beaming

MEDICINE

LONDON: It was the shot in the arm that made history: in December last year British grandmother Margaret Keenan became the first person in the Western world to get an approved coronavirus vaccine, kicking off a global campaign to end the pandemic.

Now, close to one billion people around the world have received Covid jabs -- both first and second doses -- and Keenan said she is proud to have been the first.

"It really is the best thing I've ever done," the former jewellery shop owner said.

She got her shot on December 8 -- just a week before her 91st birthday -- and says she is now looking forward to going on holiday, after only retiring four years ago.

She also hopes her inaugural vaccine will inspire others to follow in her steps.

"I just feel really honoured to have had it done, to have been the first and to have got the ball rolling," Keenan said this week during a call with the state-run National Health Service (NHS).

"I'm telling everyone to go and get it... I hope everyone comes forward."

Astra vaccine benefits increase with age: EMA

MEDICINE

THE EU's drug watchdog said Friday that a review of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine found its benefits increase with age and still outweigh the risks for adults despite links to blood clots.

The European Medicines Agency was presenting its findings after the European Commission asked it to look into concerns that prompted several countries to restrict its use to older people.

"It showed that the benefits of vaccination increase with increasing age and infection rates," the Amsterdam-based EMA said in statement.

"The benefits of Vaxzevria outweigh its risks in adults of all age groups; however, very rare cases of blood clots with low blood platelets have occurred following vaccination," it added, using the vaccine's brand name. The rare clots happened in around one in 100,000 people who received the vaccine, it said.

"Vaxzevria is effective at preventing hospitalisations, intensive care unit (ICU) admissions and deaths due to COVID-19. The most common side effects are usually mild or moderate and get better within a few days."

Despite reports that clot cases were more prevalent among women, the EMA said that "there were insufficient data available from across the EU to provide further context on benefits and risks with regard to sex."

Public confidence in the AstraZeneca jab has taken a blow since the EMA said on April 7 that a very rare, but often fatal, form of blood clot affecting the brain should be listed as a side effect.

Clots are also being listed as a side effect of the J&J vaccine, which uses the same adenovirus vector technology as AstraZeneca.

Brussels asked the EMA earlier this month to carry out further investigations, and the watchdog said its announcement on Friday was to "provide an update on the analysis of data" on AstraZeneca. The EMA said it was also sharing the latest opinion issued by its human medicines committee "aimed at supporting national decision-making on how to best use the vaccine in their territories."

MARINE EXPERIMENT

The Energy Observer, a hydrogen-powered sea vessel that is self-sufficient with zero carbon emissions, arrives in Long Beach, California. The 100-foot catamaran, the first of its kind, has navigated 30,000 nautical miles since setting sail in 2017 | AFP

Martian subsurface could still host microbial life

BIOLOGY

THE Martian subsurface might be a good place to look for possible present-day life on the Red Planet, as per a study published in *Astrobiology*. It looked at the chemical composition of Martian meteorites -- rocks blasted off of the surface of Mars that landed on Earth.

The analysis determined that those rocks, if in consistent contact with water, would produce the chemical energy needed to support microbial communities similar to those that survive in the unlit depths of the Earth. Because these meteorites may be representative of vast swaths of the Martian crust, the findings suggest that much of the Mars subsurface could be habitable.

"The big implication here for subsurface exploration science is that wherever you have groundwater on Mars, there's a good chance that you have enough chemical energy to support subsurface microbial life," said Jesse Tarnas, from NASA's Jet Propulsion lab.

"We don't know whether life ever got started beneath the surface of Mars, but if it did, we think there would be ample energy there to sustain it right up to today," Tarnas added.

FACT OF THE MATTER

85% of Mexico under drought

CLIMATE

Drought conditions now cover 85% of Mexico, and residents of the nation's central region said Thursday that lakes and reservoirs are simply drying up, including the country's second-largest body of fresh water. The mayor of Mexico City said the drought was the worst in 30 years, and the problem can be seen at the reservoirs that store water from other states to supply the capital. Some of them, like the Villa Victoria reservoir west of the capital, are at one-third of their normal capacity, with a month and a half to go before any significant rain is expected. In Michoacan state, the country is at risk of losing its second-largest lake, Lake Cuitzeo.

US rescinds N95 reuse rule

HEALTH

The US has taken the first step toward ending an emergency exception that allowed hospitals to ration and reuse N95 masks. Thousands of medical providers have died in the Covid-19 pandemic, many exposed and infected while caring for patients without adequate protection. Critical shortages of masks prompted the US government last year to issue guidelines for providers to ration, clean, and reuse PPE. Now US manufacturers say they have vast surpluses for sale, and hospitals say they have three to 12 month stockpiles. In response, the government says hospitals should try to return to the practice of one mask per patient.

AUTOMATED SYSTEM

Scrutiny of Tesla grows after apparently driverless fatal crash

TECHNOLOGY

NEW YORK: Tesla came under renewed scrutiny on Friday following a report its cars could be fooled into driving with no one behind the wheel, as two senators demanded a vigorous federal probe of a fatal crash in Texas.

The accident, which killed two people, involved a Tesla Model S that caught fire after hitting a tree late Saturday near Houston. Investigators found no one in the driver's seat of the vehicle, local police said.

US transportation regulators investigating the crash are "still gathering facts," Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said Thursday, adding that investigators have been "in touch" with law enforcement and the automaker.

"This is an important time to stress that a lot of automated driver assistance systems continue to depend on the expectation of an attentive driver behind the wheel," Buttigieg said.

The developments add to questions about the high-flying electric car maker led by the mercurial Elon Musk, who said earlier this week that data logs

show Autopilot was not engaged during the Texas crash.

On its website, Tesla describes Autopilot as a driver enhancement system that, despite its name, requires a human operator.

"Autopilot enables your car to steer, accelerate and brake automatically within its lane," the website says. "Current Autopilot features require active driver supervision and do not make the vehicle autonomous." But engineers from Consumer Reports "easily tricked" Tesla's Autopilot to drive without anyone in the driver's seat, "a scenario that would present extreme danger if it were repeated on public roads," the magazine said on its website Thursday.

Also Thursday, Democratic Senators Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Ed Markey of Massachusetts urged US auto safety regulators to forcefully respond to the Texas crash, noting that Tesla has been "criticized for misrepresenting the capabilities of their vehicles' automated driving and driver assistance systems, giving drivers a false sense of security."

The senators called for "a thorough investigation of the accident and request that your reports include recommendations on corrective actions that can be implemented to prevent future such accidents from occurring," they said in a letter to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration acting chief Steven Cliff.

Vaccine mandate in US univs

EDUCATION

Two of US' largest university systems say they intend to require Covid-19 vaccinations for all students, faculty and staff on University of California and California State University campuses this fall. Several US colleges and universities hoping to get back to normal campus life after months of online learning also have said they plan to make the vaccination mandatory. But Thursday's joint announcement from the 10-campus University of California and the 23-campus California State University is the largest of its kind in American higher education. The CSU system in the nation's biggest four-year college system, with about 485,000 students and tens of thousands of staff, while the UC system has more than 280,000 students. Stanford University in the US also announced a mandate Thursday for all of its 19,000 students to be vaccinated when classes start in the fall.

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DAY'S DIARY

Cosmonaut dies

Russian cosmonaut Vladimir M Komarov died on this day in 1967, when his Soyuz 1 craft crashed after its parachute system became entangled

AN INTEGRAL PART

Though twice disqualified during the Soviet space programme for medical problems, he remained an integral part of the program due to his tenacity, technical skills, and engineering knowledge

MANY FIRSTS

Komarov was made the pilot of Soyuz 1, and his trip made him the first cosmonaut to go into deep space for a second time. He also became the first man to have died during a space mission

THE ACCIDENT

Within seconds of landing, just after Komarov re-entered the Earth's atmosphere, the strings of the parachute entangled. The spaceship hurtled to the ground from four miles up

Dhanveerah speaks about By Two Love

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GENDER BENDERS OF BEAUTY BIAS

City-based influencers talk about the risks involved in generating content that break stereotypes around men and make-up

MONIKA MONALISA

When English former footballer David Beckham featured on the cover of a popular style magazine in 2019, what got everyone's attention was his aqua green eyeshadow. "I knew David could make it work, even though it wasn't something he'd done before," make-up artist Miranda Joyce, who worked on the shoot, is reported to have said. A year later, in an interview with another popular style magazine, Beckham revealed that he loves to wear his wife Victoria's make-up line. For centuries, make-up has been a 'girl's only' industry. But with gender expressions taking new forms, the taboo of men and make-up seems to be losing its weight. Closer home, driving this point is Prateek Monga (aka Sunny), whose Instagram account has make-up tutorials for men. Sunny is one of the many male influencers in the city, who are shifting conversations to include men in make-up.

Even as he attempted to shed the inhibition and talk about it, Sunny was aware of the risk and possible ridicule that might be thrown his way. "For shoots, I used to do my make-up and everyone used to ask me about it. But I never put it out on my social media because there is so much stigma around it," he says. It was in September last year when he decided to put up a reel of a make-up tutorial and luckily for him, there has been no looking back. "Though my first make-up video went viral with more than 18 million views, the comments were mixed. There is a risk of you being trolled or you turned into a meme," says the techie.

Though more men are willing to take that chance now, creating content to break these age-old stereotypes is not easy. Sometimes, Sunny finds it difficult to collaborate with men and gets women on board instead, which defeats the purpose of his effort, he says.

Prateek Monga

Even brands are changing their perspective. When brands like Lakme and SUGAR cosmetics approached me, it also showed they are ready for the change

Prateek Monga

Another city-based influencer, Naved Qureshi talks about a time when there were hardly any grooming products for men. "I grew up in a time when the adjective 'beautiful' could not be used for men. And when the grooming products for men were introduced, it was mostly endorsed by big actors like Shah Rukh Khan for gaining popularity," says Qureshi. He rues the fact that people still associate make-up and skincare regime as female habits. "Skin is skin, irrespective of the gender. The moment you accept the fact about skincare, the comments are directed at your sexuality," he points out.

Siddharth Gothwal

But with voices and videos of influencers like Sunny and Qureshi, there's a shift in the dialogue of men's mental health too. Model Siddharth Gothwal, says, "Whatever you like to do is good for your mental health;if make-up is keeping you at peace, then why not. Men also love grooming and it is about time people to accept it." In a world that's already fighting politics of different kinds, we hope beauty finds its place in people's acceptance of gender fluidity.

Naved Qureshi

GRUB HUB

Monika Manchanda, a city-based food writer and consultant, co-founder and chief culinary officer at LiveAltLife, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday. The first prize winner this week will also receive a complimentary voucher code (worth `2,000) from Lazy Suzy **

QUESTIONS

1. Puffed rice, chutney powder made of groundnut or shenga and a special chutney made with imli and south Indian spices come together to make this delectable street food of North Karnataka. You can also call this our own Bhelpuri I guess. What is this dish called?
2. If you thought aloo parantha and masala dosa are carbs on carbs overload, you haven't still met this dosa topped with Bangalore's favourite baath (rice). What is the topping and where is this dosa found?
3. A burger that defined the teenage of many Bangaloreans with its special mayonnaise and then left us all heartbroken when it shut a few years ago leaving us with no place to hang out and wait on Brigade road. The good news is they opened again recently and now you have to tell us what are we talking about? Yes, this one is for nostalgia.

**Conditions apply

For more food-related stories and recipes, turn to page 3.

Lavitha Lobo

Nakul Abhyankar

RAHMAN'S WAKE-UP CALL

Musical artistes from Chennai's rooftop jamming session, decode the concept and idea of Rahman's musical vision

Screengrab from the music video

SANATH PRASAD

More than 15 musicians, four songs and one happy feeling — AR Rahman's rooftop jam in one of Chennai's highrises is just what we need in these dystopian times. The four-minute video released on April 21 is a music medley weaving a combination of four of Rahman's original tracks including *Veere Kadh De*, *Rang De Basanti*, *Balleilakka* and *O Aashiq*. Conceptualised by the musical maestro, the rooftop jam attempts to nurture a positive vibe amid the struggling times of COVID-19. Three Karnataka-based artistes found a spot in this session.

Nakul Abhyankar, a Bengaluru-based musician, who played the keyboard and mixed music for the medley describes the experience as "serenity". This song sort of tries to wake you up with a good and positive beginning. It's a symbolic gesture with nature and music contemplating each other to produce a fresh wake up call for the city," says Abhyankar.

Viewers can see the sun rising from the Bay of Bengal in perfect sync to the beats. Talking about some of the behind-the-scenes moments, he mentions that the video was shot just in sync with the sunrise, giving a serene experience. "With the sun rising at around 6 am, we had only an hour to wrap up the shoot. We managed to pull it off in 15 takes and nature just blended with our performance perfectly. It was an organic way of presenting music to people," he says.

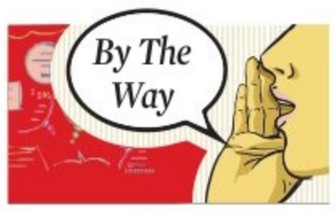
Lavitha Lobo, a Mangaluru-based musician, is on the keyboard, too. Lobo says, "It was just surreal. Rahman sir ensured that everyone enjoyed the music. We rehearsed the entire night and hit the shooting spot at 5 am. With the birds chirping around and the sea gleaming in the back, the experience was just one of its kind. Moreover, Rahman sir also informally choreographed some of the dance movements. The song also strives to give a sense of hope in these stifling times. The arrangement and the setup just delivered that."

Along with singers Benny Dayal, Shashwat Singh, Shashaa Tirupati and other young artistes was Mysuru girl Rakshita Suresh. Singing during sunrise on the terrace was a first for her.

"It is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. I got to see the sunrise after a long time. Performing *Balleilakka* song from the film *Sivaji*, along with Rahman sir, was the best moment," says Suresh.

A lot of subtraction went into the music and the songs, in terms of instruments and the tune, to mellow down some of the high-pitched and fast-paced songs, report the artistes. The video also features the musical cast of *99 songs*, including lead actor Ehan Bhat and director Vishwesh Krishnamoorthy.

Rakshita Suresh



Animal care

Kannada actor Shwetha Srivatsav took to social media to post a video featuring her daughter taming pets. "My heart melts everytime I see my daughter being so caring towards animals! We need to make sure that we spread this awareness to extend that empathy, compassion and kindness towards animals!! In fact, the health benefits of living a compassionate, eudaemonic lifestyle has been explained quite well by science on a cellular level too", the actor said.

CITY READ

MindfulTMS Neurocare launches a new centre

MindfulTMS Neurocare has announced the launch of its new centre at Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru. According to a report by the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS), the number of mental health cases had increased by 20 per cent since the lockdown and that at least one in five Indians were affected. There is a significant rise in mental illnesses in the working population and children due to the extended lockdown, job losses, and remote learning. To address the issue, Mysuru-based NR Group has decided to extend its services by launching another centre in the city.

WATCH LIST

LIFE IN COLOUR (ENGLISH)

Streaming on Netflix

For humans, nature is a source of beauty, but for animals, it is a source of survival. Natural historian and TV presenter David Attenborough brings you the extraordinary ways in which animals use colour: to win a mate, to fight off rivals and to warn enemies. From peacocks in India dazzling females with tail feathers to the hummingbirds unfurling the headdress dancing for a mate, the documentary is a colourful treat of the wild.

Cast: David Attenborough

COUPLES THERAPY, SEASON 2 (ENGLISH)

Streaming on Voot

Couple Therapy is a series where a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst deals with the world of couple relationships. The new season will see Dr Orna Guralnik guiding a new group of couples carrying a varying degree of issues. Michal is furious at her husband for not delivering the life she wants. Tashira resents Dru for insisting they live together. Gianni and Matthew reel from Matthew's battle with alcoholism. Catch the new season to see how the therapists take on the new set of challenges before them

Cast: Orna Guralnik, Virginia Goldner, Kirkland Vaughans

LOVE AND MONSTERS (ENGLISH)

Streaming on Netflix

Following an apocalypse, Joel, a young man, takes refuge in a bunker underground. As he deals with the weird and giant insects roaming on the surface, the young man is forced to take on the monstrous world for several years. The tragedy unfolding in the story captures the traumatic sense of the teenagers and gives a sketchy glimpse of the contemporary crisis faced by the world now. Will Joel succeed in this endeavour? Tune- in.

Cast: Dylan O Brien, Jessica Henwick, Dan Ewing

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN FIREFLIES? (TURKISH)

Streaming on Netflix

Set around a regressive society, Have you ever seen Fireflies is a story about a child prodigy Gulresen who knows about political figures and biographies as a young child. Although she is forced to give in to the regressive society demands, she manages to tackle the struggles head-on, including walking out of a toxic and unstable relationship. This inspiring story reveals how a single woman goes ahead in life to make a name for herself, battling the odds before her.

Cast: Ecem Erkek, Engin Alkan, Devrim Yakut

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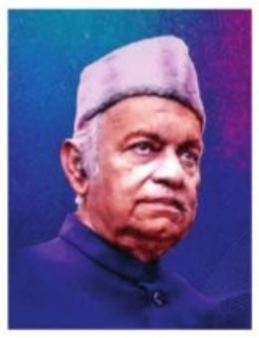
MANGO MANIA

Khandani Rajdhani brings their famous Aamlicious Food Festival this year. The annual feast will be held till May 31, 2021, across all Khandani Rajdhani outlets in Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad. On the menu are aamras, aamrakhand, mango raita kachi kairi ring dhokla, ker sangri, mango pulao and mango jalebi.

MEXCIAN FIESTA

Enjoy a wide range of Mexican delicacies this summer as Foodhall is celebrating the culinary traditions of Mexican cuisine with Fiesta Mexicana. The food festival will celebrate the flavours of Mexico with a wide range of ingredients, live stations, baked meals, snack, and more throughout this month. **Where:** Foodhall stores **Details:** 7400444525



MUSICAL TRIBUTE

Guru Abhivaadan is a musical tribute concert to honour the legendary artist Acharya Birnalendu Mukherjee. The program features a repertoire of three concerts featuring both established and upcoming musical exponents in a three-hour online concert for a musically immersive experience. **When:** April 24 **Details:** Bookmyshow

ENJOY A SEAFOOD WITH DELICACY BARBEQUE FLAVOURED BUTTERFLY PRAWNS SATAY SERVED WITH MANGO SALSA AT SRIRACHA, INDIRANGAR WHEN: TILL MAY 30

COLD BREW FEST

Starbucks has announced the Cold Brew Fest that will be on till April 11. Select variants like Cold Brew Black, Nitro Cold Brew Black, Vegan Cold Brew, Nitro Vegan Cold Brew, Cold Brew with Ginger Ale, Nitro Cold Brew with Ginger Ale and more will be **available at** special prices of ₹250 for the Cold Brew range and ₹300 for the Nitro Cold Brew range (including taxes).

Mango Donuts

Enjoy a wide variety of soft fluffy donuts filled with mango jams dipped in white chocolate glaze, some topped with dark chocolate mousse and some adorned with mango-flavoured chocolate shavings and cheese creams. You can order through Zomato or Swiggy. **Where:** Mad over donuts, home delivery, When: Till May 31

IPL Feast

Enjoy a spread of special menu curated by Chef Vikas Seth for the cricket fans. The menu includes herb tossed epazote mushrooms, grilled zucchini and non-vegetarian specialties like cilantro marinated grilled shrimp and smoky chipotle chicken and exciting beverages. **Where:** Sanchez, UB City & Indiranagar **When:** Till May 30, 11am onwards

Decor collection

The Yellow Dwelling, a contemporary sustainable furnishing and décor expert, is introducing a collection of cushions, curtains, teepee tents and more for kids. **Where:** The Yellow Dwelling stores, HSR Layout **Details:** 96062 46004

Summer treats

Magnolia Bakery launches its summer dish- Mango Cheesecake. The sumer treat consists of creamy vanilla cheesecake, crackers and mangoes. **When:** Until April 30 **Cost:** Rs 320+ tax

QUICK FIX

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INGREDIENTS

- **Leftover rice:** 2 cups
- **Grated raw mango:** 1 cup
- **Oil** (sesame or peanut): 4 tbsp
- **Big mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Peanuts:** 4 tbsp
- **Curry leaves, chilli flakes** and **coriander leaves**

METHOD

- Reheat the rice in a covered glass container in the microwave.
- Heat oil, splutter mustard seeds.
- Fry curry leaves and peanuts till done. Add chilli flakes.
- Add the grated mangoes, salt. Cover and cook for around 3-4 minutes. Do not overcook.
- Add the rice and mix well. Taste and adjust the salt.
- Add chopped coriander leaves and serve.

— Sarika Gupta, Thiruvananthapuram

FIT BIT

UTTANA KURMASANA

(UPSIDE-DOWN TORTOISE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'uttana' means intense stretch, 'kurma' means turtle, and 'asana' means pose. It is an upside-down tortoise pose, which has challenging and relaxing versions. In the challenging version, the pose balances on the buttocks with the arms and legs off the ground and entwined. An easier version starts in Vajrasana, then the body folds until the head rests on the ground and the arms extend backward. Traditionally, it is designed to quiet the nervous system and shut out distractions, allowing the inner world to become clear and audible. This pose opens the door to 'pratyahara', the threshold to the inner world. The mind then becomes quiet and centered. It forms part of the primary series of Ashtanga yoga and is popular in other styles of yoga.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana (staff pose) with legs one foot apart.
- Exhale, bend forward and bring both hands under the corresponding legs.
- Bring your arms all the way around to the back and clasp them.
- Try to touch your forehead to the floor.
- You can stay in this position as long as you are comfortable, continuing with normal breathing.
- Hold this pose for about 5 to 6 breaths.
- Inhale and slowly release your hands.
- Come back to Dandasana and relax.

BENEFITS

- As you bend down, your abdomen gets a good massage.
- The intestines experience a blood rush, which flushes out toxins.
- Good exercise to control irregular menstruation or painful cramps.
- Appropriate for pregnant ladies in initial stages to strengthen their ovarian walls.
- As you bend down, your stomach holds in the organs with a locked inhale.
- Improves the respiratory rate.
- An effective pose for those suffering from constipation, indigestion and nervous weakness.

LIMITATIONS

- Those who have chronic injury in the hips, shoulders or neck, sciatica, muscle pull, and pregnant women should avoid this.
- If your muscles around the hamstrings and the spine are too tight, avoid.
- Give 4-6 hours gap between your meal and practice.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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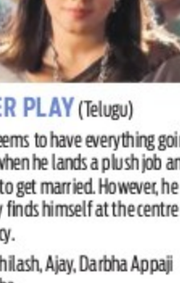

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A young man in Kerala has two weeks to stop the woman he loves from a fixed marriage in the US, but he doesn't have the papers to get there.
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Two young lovers are compatible in every way — they even agree that marriage is futile. However, their emotions are not so easily managed, especially when they witness the unconditional love of the older couple with whom they live.
Cast: Dulqer Salmaan, Nithya Menen, Prakash Raj
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PARADISE LOST... FOREVER?

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
Writer, actor and funny girl

Good morning Bangalore.

Unfortunately this greeting is going to be the only upbeat thing that I am going to be sharing with you today. My feeling buoyant and sanguine has once again taken a severe beating. I cannot justify using 'cutesy' terminology like 'Cardi-V' survivor or 'Co-beater' without squirming. I was just plain lucky! My privilege, standing and connections, gave me access to the finest hospitals, doctors and medication this city had to offer. Others were not as lucky, and continue not to be so. There are people like you and me (perhaps less privileged) working professionals, doctors and the working class that make up the bulk of our infra-structure and without whom we cannot survive, dying like flies, outside hospitals, in ambulances and some even on the roads. The hospitals are silent testaments of a failed society with no beds, no oxygen and with lifesaving medicine in short supply, or simply available only on the black market.

As people, we are familiar with misery, shortages, fear, corruption and pestilence. We have been well 'trained' by successive governments on how not to complain or raise our voices in protest or face swift retribution. If we pay a myriad of taxes, luxury taxes, different cesses etc., work hard and be good law abiding citizens, aren't we entitled to the basic right to ask for and be given a modicum of health protection by our '(wo)men in white,' or is that too much to ask? It seems that 'the powers to be' march nonchalantly to the beat of their own drum! They had over a year to prepare and stock pile for an emergency just like this one... and even then there is a shortage of oxygen that compels patients to choke to death, or life saving medicines that have mysteriously disappeared off the shelves, and hospitals that don't have beds for the people dying on their doorstep! Who then should be held accountable? Are we mere lambs to be led to the slaughter and be milked dry by forcing us to contribute to mysterious 'We Care' funds (ostensibly to tide over the crisis) that are not even audited!

So there stands a dilemma. As people are used to a lack of amenities; shortages (real and false), lack of basic infrastructure, education, and I could go on and on ad-nauseam. But if the state purposefully fails its people by diverting funds for medical facilities and does not keep a check on artificial shortages of essential drugs and willfully creates situations where the pandemic reaches epic proportions where people die like proverbial flies then isn't it an act of willful murder? Will we ever have the courage to say it?

Horrifying stories abound every-day. I saw a heart-breaking video of a doctor with two old parents in an ambulance begging for a hospital room. His father eventually died in the ambulance after being turned away by 16 hospitals because they lacked oxygen supplies. He said he was tempted to asphyxiate his mother who was gasping to breathe just to put her out of her misery. This is an unsung frontline worker who worked with the Covid-19 afflicted for a year! A young girl Rohini Iyer won my eternal respect by posting about privilege. Some excerpts are as follows; 'For all of you vacationing in Maldives, Goa and other exotic locales, remember, it's a holiday for you. It's a bloody pandemic all over.

So don't be an insensitive idiot and post pictures of your privileged

life. This is not a time to boost your Instagram numbers. No photos! This is not fashion week or Kingfisher calendar time'!

Good for you girl. It is almost grotesque to post such pictures. Almost as bad as a picture I saw of the underprivileged licking scraps off half-eaten plates at a huge marriage pandal.

Stay focused and real. Its fellow human-beings dying out there!

Mango season is here and the restaurants are churning dishes out of the king of fruits. Taking a break from the regular mango juices and ice cream, here's a new twist to this seasonal fruit

MANGO MANIA

MANGO MOUSSE DELIGHT

Serves 2

INGREDIENTS

- Vodka: 120 ml
- Mango pulp: 120 gms
- Ice cubes
- Sweet & sour mix (lime juice and sugar syrup): To taste

METHOD

- Blend mango pulp with ice cubes in a blender until it's reached a mousse like consistency
- Add this blended mixture into a cocktail shaker add sugar syrup and lime juice for flavour
- Shake the mixture well and serve in a ball chilled margherita glass of your choosing and drizzle your vodka over the mousse
- Garnish and finish off with a fresh sprig of mint leaves and serve cold

Sanjok Rai, mixologist, NuAir Pebble

FRESH MANGO GUACAMOLE

INGREDIENTS

- Ripe Avocado: 200g
- Tomato: 1 medium sized (Seed and pulp removed, chopped)
- Onion: 1tbsp (chopped)
- Cilantro: 1tbsp (chopped)
- Fresh Jalapeno: 1tsp (chopped)
- Fresh Mango (medium sized): 1(peeled, stone removed, cut into cubes)
- Lemon Juice : 1tsp
- Olive Oil : 1tsp
- Salt : To taste
- Yellow Corn Tortilla Chips: 50g

METHOD

- Cut avocados into half. Remove seed. Scoop out avocado flesh from the peel into a mixing bowl. Discard any browned areas.
- Using a fork, mash the avocado, but keep it chunky. Add rest of the ingredients and mix well, just keep some of the mango cubes for garnish
- Cover with plastic wrap directly on the surface of the guacamole to prevent oxidation from the air reaching it. Allow 15 minutes to get the flavor blended well with all the ingredients together. Refrigerate until ready to serve
- Garnish with chopped mango cubes, serve with yellow corn tortillas chips

Chef Vikas Seth, Culinary director, Sanchez

MANGO RICOTTA CHEESECAKE

INGREDIENTS

- Digestive biscuits: 125 gms
- Alphonso mango: 1 small cut into cubes.
- Butter: 20 gms
- Philadelphia cream cheese: 175 gms
- Powdered Sugar: 50 gms
- Alphonso mango puree: 100 gms
- Eggs: 3
- Vanilla essence: ½ tspn
- Ricotta cheese: 125 gms
- Yogurt: 125 gms

METHOD

- Crush the biscuits and mix with butter and spread evenly on base of 6" round (detachable) ring mould.
- Leave to set in the fridge
- In a bowl, gently cream the cheeses, yoghurt, eggs, sugar, mango puree and vanilla essence together
- Add the mango chunks to it and pour mixture on the layer of digestive biscuits
- Bake it at 160 degrees C in water bath for about 50 minutes. Let it cool
- Run a hot knife through the sides of the cake to demould from the ring if it

KACCHI KAIRI MAGIC

INGREDIENTS

- Raw mango -1
- Ice cubes
- Sprite or soda
- Chaat masala & salt mixture: To taste

METHOD

- Blend ice cubes with chopped raw mangoes and 20 ml of water.
- Once it has reached its desired consistency pour the mixture through a strainer into a cocktail shaker and shake well with sprite or soda.
- Add ice cubes, a pinch of salt and chill powder for flavour. Set aside
- Pour your drink into your glass and serve cold
- Garnish with a pinch of lime and mint leaves

Chef Kanakadri , Go Native

SEABASS CEVICHE WITH MANGO SALSA

INGREDIENTS

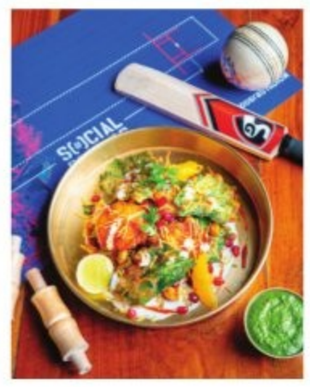
- Seabass steak: 100gms
- Ripe mango (Alphonso): 80gm (diced)
- Red bell pepper: 10gm (diced)
- Red onion: 10gm (diced)
- Fresh cilantro: 5gm
- Jalapeño: 10gm (diced)
- Lemon juice: To taste
- Salt: To taste
- Olive oil: To drizzle

METHOD

- Cut thin slice of seabass
- Combine the mango, bell pepper, onion and jalapeño
- Drizzle with lemon juice and olive oil
- Mix the ingredients together and add salt to the taste
- Let the salsa rest for minimum 10 minutes for better taste
- Pour some salsa on a plate and place slices of seabass on top
- Pour some more salsa on top and put some cilantro for garnish
- Chill the cake. Garnish with sliced mangoes and slivered almonds or serve as it is

Vishal Thakur, Chef De Cuisine, JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru

FOOD EVENTS



BOWLED OUT!

This IPL season enjoy a special munchies menu with pre-made cocktail mixers and more. With SOCIAL's Stumps this Cricket season offer one can relish the delicacies from the comfort of their homes. The special home delivery menu offers curated combos meals, mixers, munchies. Some of the items on the menu are Shivaji Park Sabudana Vada, Chinnaswamy's onion samosa, Whistle Podu tacos and more. You can also order the #SOCIALPartyStarter package (for a minimum of 6 people), which includes munchies, mixers, substantials, and dessert for Rs 999*

FOOD TREAT AT DOORSTEP

IPL is back and so is the total frenzy of the cricket lovers. Lazy Suzy has curated combos that attempts to bring back the excitement of viewing the matches coupled with a spread of culinary dishes. Some of the combos include family burger combo, the dinner combo for the evening matches , the lunch combo for the weekend afternoon matches with items like barbeque chicken wings, chilli cheese pepper, thai spiced chicken burger, fruit pastry, mojito coolers and much more Combos start from INR 550/- To place your order call 080-25272737

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With home being the safest option now, here's how you can learn to cook Vietnamese recipes with ease

EASY VIETNAMESE HOME COOKING

CHEF DIEP NGOC WU
Chef and partner at Hanoi - Vietnamese restaurant

THE best part of Vietnamese home cooked food is that it is usually cooked with very little oil, and the rice soaks in the rich flavours of the ingredients. As a result, Vietnamese food is very light and flavourful, unlike other cuisines of the region. To experience the joy of Vietnamese cuisine, I am going to share a few dishes that I cook on a daily basis at home.

Stir Fried Vegetables in clear broth with Jasmine Rice is one of my favourites, it is a very simple and hearty dish. To begin with, I stir fry some garlic with carrots, knol khol, broccoli, spring onions and coriander in a fish sauce with lemon and sugar. Once the vegetables are sautéed and the fragrance is evident, I add some salt and vegetable stock or chicken stock as per preference. I then add tofu or chicken, simmer for about 15 minutes and serve with hot steaming Jasmine Rice for a delectable dish that's a family favourite.

Another of my go-to choices for something quick and easy is fried rice.

As I've said before, the fried rice in Vietnamese households is very light compared to other South East Asian varieties. Fried rice is typically made in a wok on a stove-top. Even if you don't have access to those, you're still in business. You can still make delicious fried rice in a rice cooker! Simply throw everything together - oil, rice, seasonings (fish sauce and salt), and your favourite vegetables and proteins. I use sausages in the mix to add that extra layer of texture. For the vegetables, I stick to peas, carrots, and corn to keep the recipe simple and foolproof. I usually avoid food with high water content like fresh leafy greens as these tend to make the fried rice soggy. Other than that, you're all good, and can use almost any veggies and protein that you like.

Fried rice is normally served with some raw cut cucumber on the side, and this simple dish is a family favourite in our house, especially with young children.

Puneeth Rajkumar

RAVI VARMA CHOREOGRAPHS A CAR CHASE FOR PUNEETH RAJKUMAR'S *JAMES*

Director Chethan Kumar says he will resume the next schedule of his action entertainer as and when the state grants permission

CE FEATURES

PUNEETH Rajkumar had recently completed the shoot of the major action blocks in his upcoming actioner, titled *James*. The crew, after their schedule in Kashmir, had resumed the shoot earlier this month. Director Chethan Kumar has now shared some snapshots from the sets, which show stunt choreographer Ravi Varma putting together a gritty and credible chasing sequence on Nice Road, with all safety measures in place. For this particular action block, the team had hired ten professional motorsports drivers from Mumbai.

The team, which had completed sixty percent of the movie's shoot, has now pushed the pre-planned schedule, citing the COVID resurgence.

James, bankrolled by Kishore Pathikonda, has the actor and the filmmaker collaborating for the first time, The film also has Priya Anand sharing screen space with Puneeth Rajkumar for the second time, after *Raajakumara*. *James* also has Telugu actor, Meka Srikanth, playing a pivotal role along with Rangayana Raghu, and Mukesh Rishi in supporting roles.

The next in line for the *Yuvarathnaa* hero will be the project with *Lucia* director, Pawan Kumar produced by Hombale Films. The actor is also joining hands for the first time with Dinakar Thoogudeeepa for a commercial entertainer, to be produced by Jayanna Films.

From the sets of *James*

Ma Yoga Laxmi to be adapted into a series

CE FEATURES

PRODUCER Rahul Mittra has announced his next project, a series based on the life of Ma Yoga Laxmi, a secretary of controversial spiritual guru Osho Rajneesh.

Rahul Mittra, known for producing Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster films, Bullet Raja, Sarkar 3, and Torbaaz, among others, has acquired rights of British author Rashid Maxwell's bestselling book The Only Life: Osho, Laxmi and a Journey of the Heart, that follows the life of Osho's first secretary.

The series will be helmed by Ranjan Chandel, who has previously directed Bamfaad, the debut film of Paresh Rawal's son Aditya Rawal. The announcement comes a day after the online premiere of the documentary film Searching for Sheela, based on the life of Ma Anand Sheela, the spokeswoman of the Osho movement.

In an official statement, Mittra said, "Ma Laxmi's story is what I want to tell and what the world needs to know. I want people to know that for Ma Laxmi, Osho was her only life. Even when her own protege Sheela usurped her position, Laxmi's devotion to her master was total and absolute," Mittra said.iv

The series will be bankrolled by Rahul Mittra Films and Jar Pictures with Osho World Foundation and Sanjay Grover serving as co-producers.

Russell Crowe to play Zeus in *Thor 4*

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported that Russell Crowe will be part of *Thor: Love and Thunder*, the fourth instalment in the Thor series. Now, the actor has revealed that he will be playing Zeus in the film.

Speaking on the Australian radio show, JOY Breakfast with The Murphys, the Unhinged-actor said, "I shall be Zeus in *Thor 4*. It's my last day of 'Zeus-ing' about, and I'm gonna enjoy it."

Thor: Love and Thunder is directed by Taika Waititi and stars Chris Hemsworth in the titular role. The film also marks the return of Natalie Portman's *Jane Foster to the Thor* franchise.

Thor: Love and Thunder is scheduled for release on May 6, 2022.

DANVEERRAH: I WAS INITIALLY SCARED TO DO A ROMANTIC FILM

Danveerrah, who is part of his first romantic film, *By Two Love*, shares his fresh experience of working in the genre

A still from *By Two Love*

Danveerrah

CE FEATURES

IF not for the pandemic lockdown, *Bazaar* hero Danveerrah would have wrapped up the shoot of his upcoming film, which is currently in its tail end of filming," says the actor about his first romantic film *By Two Love*.

College Kumar director Hari Santhosh has come up with an intense love story for the actor. "We had resumed shooting from April 19. However, we had to discontinue the shoot just after three days due to the lockdown in the city," says Danveerrah, who has completed 70 percent of the shoot for *By Two Love*.

"Bazaar had branded me as an action hero, and in contrast, I got to attempt a love-based subject with *By Two Love*. I was initially scared, but once the shooting began, I slowly got comfortable. After watching the rushes, I felt I could do justice to romantic genres. Even the director and the production house felt the same," says Danveerrah.

The actor, who has now explored two different genres, says that action films need physical effort, whereas family-based subjects are more about emotions. "The director has written a dialogues-heavy film, and the lines helped met get into the skin of the character. It was a good experience," he says.

By Two Love features Sreeleela as the lead heroine and is paired opposite Danveerrah for the first time. The film will have music by Ajaneesh B Loknath and cinematography by Mahendra Simha.

Danveerrah's next *Bumper* to be helmed by a new director

Meanwhile, the actor, who has simultaneously a line up of projects will begin shooting for a new film called *Bumper* in the second half of 2021. "The story is ready, and we had plans to shoot in June. But as of now I am busy with *By Two Love* and I will begin shooting for *Bumper* post this," says Danveerrah.

This project will have him collaborating with *By Two Love* producers -- KVN Production and Suprith Production for the second time.

However, the project will not be directed by Hari Santhosh. "The story of *Bumper* has been changed and we have a new story to tell. It will be helmed by a new director," the actor says.

THIS UNINSPIRED ADAPTATION EXTRACTS A FATALITY IN YOU

SUDHIR SRINIVASAN

MORTAL KOMBAT
Director: Simon McQuoid
Cast: Joe Taslim, Jessica McNamee, Hiroyuki Sanada, Lewis Tan

FIRST things first. You don't come in to watch *Mortal Kombat* in pursuit of highbrow entertainment. So, you don't care that there's no symbolism or deep commentary. You are ready even to excuse issues like hurried character development and silly dialogue. All you want is for the film to establish reasonable explanations for why heads are being severed and arms are being ripped off. That, after all, is the difference between a film and a video game. And of course, you hope that in this A-certified film, the violence will be inventive, graphic, and as cathartic as it is in the game. It's a big problem in this latest film whose action, save for some, er, cool Sub-Zero moves, largely feels unmemorable. There's blood and knives and monsters and more blood, but all you really remember are Sub-Zero's icicles. Films like this don't seem to understand that gratification from action sequences is often a consequence of the buildup preceding it. This film's idea of build-up is to move from one rushed introduction to another, leaving you apathetic towards them all.

RATING 1.5/5

As with the first film, *Mortal Kombat* (1995), there's talk about a tournament in which the chosen contestants from Earth, under the guidance of Raiden, are to fight 'outworld' champions, led by the evil Shang Tsung. The ceremonial introductions then kick off, but unlike in the original film, this one never really gets to the actual tournament. You see, Shang Tsung and team intend to off Earth's mightiest well before the tournament, so they can win by default. While these futile assassination attempts are being made, the film ambles from one mediocre conversation to another, filling up emptiness with mirthless chatter. Kano (Josh Lawson) tries his best to lighten up interactions with humour, but save for a line or two, the attempts largely feel desperate. Cole Young (Lewis Tan) is this film's main character, as Liu Kang was in the 1995 film, but the protagonist's distress in this film, caused largely due to his inability to discover his superpower, feels less like an emotional problem and more like a tantrum. Raiden (Tadanobu Asano) plays a version of the Tamil cinema policeman, often making guest appearances just after the fighting is done. He has no real guidance to offer either and looks understandably irritated.

The dialogues are starved of wit and purpose, and often end up communicating the obvious. For lack of humour or bite, they come across as annoying distractions that simply delay the next stunt scene—which, let's face it, is the only real reason you watch this film. A character arrives to finish off Cole's family and declares, "Now, you will die with your family." The trash-talking is dreadful. Perhaps that's why the wise Raiden teleports Shang Tsung towards the end, and says, "He talks too much." The problem is, even this line feels too much.

Among the joys of watching a video game adaptation are those moments that pay homage to the source material. Scorpion screaming, "Get over here!", Kano declaring, "Flawless victory!", Kung Lao saying, "Fatality!" ... All these moments feel only cursory in this film—like director Simon McQuoid were simply checking off a list. I liked that the film attempts to delve into some back stories, like that of Jax, Johnny Cage... but the stories themselves offer neither emotional payoffs nor consistent visual gratification. In this pretty unintelligent film, I did spot one analogy. Shang Tsung sucking the soul off one of the fighters felt like a representation of what this film was doing to me. Walking out, listless and sapped dry of life force, it felt like my time might have been better spent watching a YouTube compilation of *Mortal Kombat* fatalities.

AMIT SIAL ANCHORS A SHAKY THRILLER

KATHMANDU CONNECTION

Director: Sachin Patnaik
Cast: Amit Sial, Anshuman Pushkar, Aksha Pardasany
Streaming on: Sony LIV

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A cliffhanger in the opening episode of *Kathmandu Connection* left me grinning with delight. A journalist unfolds a mysterious package to find a music cassette. Her puzzlement mirrors our own as she reads the name: the soundtrack of the 1983 Jackie Shroff vehicle Hero. It's not so much the significance of the cassette that made me smile as the sheer oddness of its appearance. On the surface, SonyLiv's show is a cut-and-dried thriller about international crimes in the 1990s. Yet, for all its scope, it's the moments of weirdness and cultural references that stand out.

There's another movie reference a couple of episodes later. "Are you Amitabh Bachchan from *Zanjeer*?" hollers a police commissioner at his insubordinate DCP. The reference sticks: Samarth (Amit Sial) considers himself enough of a 'hero'. On a mission in Kathmandu, he tracks down Sunny (Anshuman Pushkar), a gangster, casino-owner and terror suspect in the 1993 Bombay blasts, but fails to catch him. Freshly suspended from the job, Samarth sinks into self-pity (the show is rife with sad copper vibes) while looking for a way to bring Sunny in.

The mystery fattens. Sunny, we learn, is still in love with his college crush Shivani (Aksha Pardasany), whom he harasses with calls and gifts. Shivani approaches Samarth for help, who also starts falling for her. You can see writer Himanshu Mishra and director Sachin Pathak being absolute schoolboys here, abandoning their grim procedural story for a kooky cat-and-mouse. The shift in tone will likely annoy most viewers. For me, it was the best part, epitomised by a cheesy scene where Samarth and Sunny stare each other down over a casino table. "I'm a player... I bet and win," the criminal tells the cop.

RATING 3/5

Amit Sial has been playing depressed, suicidal sleuths since his turn in Love, Sex Aur Dhokha. A hugely talented actor, he knows how to take on below-par material and run with it. He glides over his scenes in Kathmandu Connection, rooting them in something real and heartfelt. There's an impossibly cheesy moment where Samarth proposes to Shivani at her home. It just about wrecks the show, until Amit rescues it in style (he steps outside her door, lights a cigarette and shakes his head).

In the opening scene, a prologue in black-and-white, Samarth kicks down a door and shoots two young boys. It will bring back the memory of Batla House (2019), where John Abraham played a tough, long-suffering cop. *Kathmandu Connection* begins like a heroic police drama but actually works to subvert it. It holds its politics off till the end, which only makes it more effective. It won't be long till Salman Khan flips the mood with his encounter-killing rampage in Radhe. Watch this show till then.